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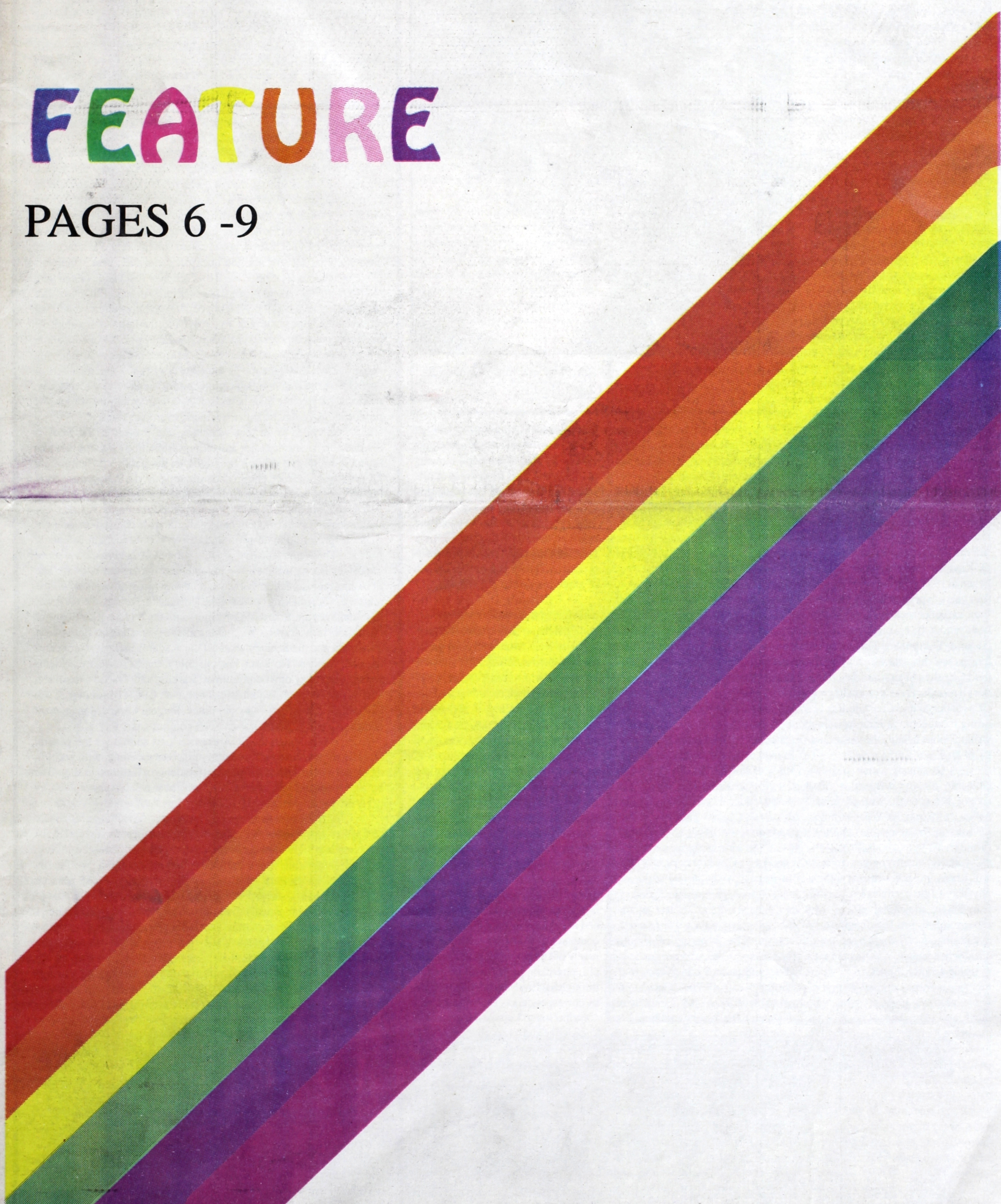
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Oh right! I choose to have the crap kicked out of me because of my sexual preference. I choose to be ostracized from society because of who my lover is. Get a grip. No one chooses to be gay! We just are!

- Overheard

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GOING OUT WITH A BANG SINCE 1961

A Fraction of the Chaotic Powder of Dr. Brian Kaye

by Phillip Hadley
Staff Writer

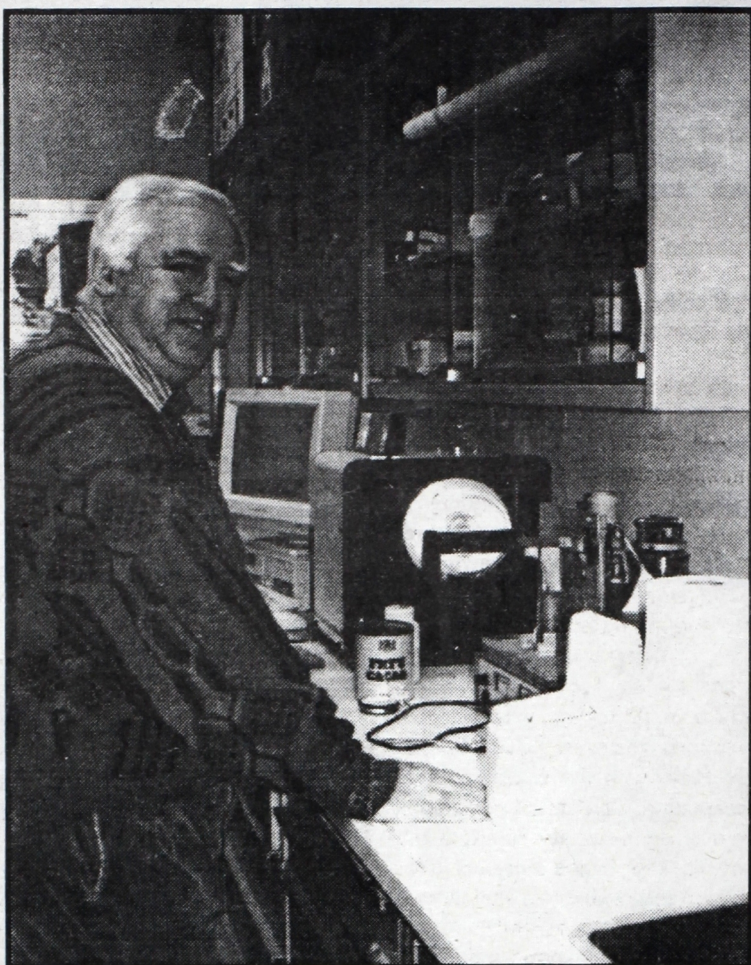
Laurentian University researcher and teacher Dr. Brian Kaye B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., is world-renowned foremost because of his work and knowledge in the subject of the physics of fine particles and powder. No less a contributing factor to his earned respect comes from his work with fractal geometry and deterministic chaos theory. A physicist by training, Dr. Kaye has been teaching and conducting powder research at our university since 1968. During this time he has authored five books; "A Random Walk Through Fractal Dimensions", "Chaos and Complexity", "Science and the Detective," "Golf Balls, Boomerangs and Asteroids," "Powder Mixing," (a graduate level textbook to be published in June) and the incomplete "Chaos, Catastrophe, and Spherical Chickens."

Dr. Kaye worked as a scientific officer at the British Atomic Weapons Research Establishment from 1957-1959. The years 1959-1963 were spent teaching physics at Nottingham Technical College. He then moved to Chicago where he was a Senior Physicist in the Chemistry Division of the IIT Research Institute where he studied problems as diverse as why dirt sticks to carpet and the design of better propellants for space rockets.

Our eminent Doctor's work is mostly centered around powder research, having written over 120 scientific articles on the subject. Dr. Kaye's experience with powders began in 1957 when he spent the next four years experimenting with beryllium as concerned with the atomic bomb under the auspicious of British Atomic Weapons. Today he no longer watches atomic bombs explode in the Australian desert nor does he conduct research on the properties of beryllium. Consultation, lecturing to students at Laurentian and writing books occupy the vast majority of Dr. Kaye's time today.

Obviously, a man so knowledgeable on any subject is often sought for consultation on related topics in their field. What is not so obvious are the companies that wish to hire Dr. Kaye as a consultant. After all, what do most companies want with a man who is concerned with the physics of fine particles? Any company having to do deal with powder mixtures of any products ranging from dynamite to Kraft Dinner and medicine for headaches. When a company is trying to mix tonnes of powders together to form a consistent and reliable product, physics come very much into play. This is not like the mixing of ingredients in your kitchen to make cookies, and even that's hard enough. In an industrial setting, the amounts can range from thousands of tonnes to parts per billion. Knowing which ingredients react with others and how the ingredients combine is a necessary and exact science. A science in which Dr. Kaye is the world's teacher.

Fractal geometry has become an integral chapter in the study



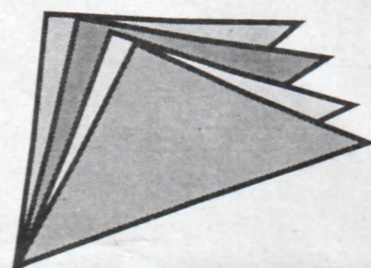
Dr. Kaye with his invention, the Aeroflow machine, the world's first commercial application of Chaos Theory.

of fine powder physics. Dr. Kaye's first book "A Random Walk Through Fractal Dimensions", which has been translated into Chinese, is the world's foremost introductory textbook. Fractal geometry is the classification of non-linear shapes through examination of the surface area it occupies. In our schools we were taught Euclidean geometry, that type of geometry which organizes all of the universe into perfect circles, triangles and smooth surfaces. Euclidean geometry has limitations, most of nature does not consist of perfect circles, triangles and smooth surfaces. Fractal geometry was created by Dr. Mandelbrot to describe the rugged surfaces and structures found most often in nature. Dr. Kaye happened upon fractal geometry in 1977 and immediately saw applications to his study of fine particles and powders.

Dr. Kaye has also been a world leader in the study of "Deterministic Chaos Theory." Chaos theory is a non-linear science, unlike its other kin; biology, physics or chemistry. Chaos theory is a deterministic science, an interaction science, how apparently unrelated systems' behaviors affect one another. Perhaps you have heard this sentence before: "The fluttering of a butterfly's wings in the Amazon jungle can affect the path of a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico." This is an example of chaos theory at work. Chaos theory deals with the idea that nothing happens without a cause, without a reason. However, occurrences and situations happen in such a confusing array of variables (chaos) it is difficult to discern what caused which. How could a butterfly affect a wind blowing in California - through a domino effect. A series of events and actions starting with the butterfly flapping its wings which affect another series of events and actions, perhaps the local current is adjusted no matter

how minuscule, which affect another series of events and actions which eventually lead to the wind blowing in California. This theory may at first sound a bit of askew but when you consider one of the Laws of Newton, "that every reaction has an equal and opposite reaction" and the Chinese belief in Ying and Yang, Deterministic Chaos Theory is a further branch of a tree long since planted.

Certainly Dr. Kaye has received much satisfaction from accomplishments in his fields of expertise. However, admittedly, his greatest satisfaction comes from students learning about science and developing a mutual understanding and appreciation of science in the world around us. Whereas many professors view students as a necessary evil and conduct more lectures than hours of teaching. Dr. Kaye is an exception. From all accounts of his students, Dr. Kaye is an excellent teacher, combining information, humour and science into one easily digestible package - a great mixture. Dr. Kaye will be retiring this year, somewhat reluctantly, a victim of mandatory retirement. His time will not be idle as he is consistently asked to give lectures and act as a consultant for numerous companies. While he will unfortunately not be continuing his teaching at Laurentian, he will still be active through his Envision courses offered by correspondence. Dr. Brian Kaye's contribution to Laurentian academic knowledge and respect has been great and will be sorely missed by both faculty and especially students.



Just What Does the SGA Do?

by Phillip Hadley
Staff Writer

As a first year Laurentian University student, this question popped to mind during the recent SGA (Students General Association) elections. I know that I pay fees to the SGA, most of us do, though I couldn't as yet tell you how much money the fees total. As with most questions, I prefer to seek the most knowledgeable person to answer my questions. Who better to answer my questions than the recently re-elected (did you know this?) SGA President Mike Grube. The following is written from an interview with the affable Mr. Mike Grube.

Upon first contacting Mr. Grube, I wasn't sure how to address him; Mr. Grube, Mike, Mr. President, I didn't know. Soon after I learned that he was most comfortable being called Mike, though he did like the ring of Mr. President. Mike Grube is a student like us, actually, he was a student like us, due to his massive time commitments to the students of Laurentian, he is not able to devote any time to further his study past his current degree.

The recent elections demonstrated that although our voter turn out is very high for universities (25%), it is still below the national average for federal and provincial elections. However, as Mike Grube pointed out, it's not so much a lack of concern that students have for the SGA, it's that they have more of a concern for themselves and their studies than they do for the outcome of elections. This is a fair concern, one I will not argue. Indeed, until I spoke with Mike, I was concerned with studying for physics and chemistry, not the latest statements made by the senate or the SGA. However, now that I have talked with the main man involved in student - administration politics, I realize just how fundamental the SGA is when it comes to students receiving an education. One of the reasons the SGA formed was so that students need not concern themselves too much with the politics of education, we are here to study and receive an education, not act as a watchdog and protector, that's the job of someone else. Who? The members of the SGA are the watchdogs and protectors of the general student body. As our advocates, the SGA helps to protect us from administration, the provincial government, professors, and even ourselves.

In order to be that watchdog and protector, the SGA is divided into the services side and the representation side. The services aspect is comprised of such programs as; the Extended Health Care Program, the Student Centre, academic appeals, the Pub, games room, fax service, grocery bus, organizing student activities such as Carny Week and orientation week, producing publications such as our student calendar and student handbook, the ride board, bursaries for students, prescription drop-off and delivery, only to name a few.

The Representative aspect of the SGA is perhaps the more important though lesser known involvement of our student body. The SGA has representation (which is student representation) on all the major decision making bodies of the University. Perhaps the two most important are the Board of Governors and the Senate. The Board of Governors is responsible for making all the financial decisions of our university and the Senate makes all the academic decisions concerning your courses. No less a responsibility, the SGA also represents students on many other committees; Parking and Traffic committee, Security committee, Walkhome committee, CFLR committee, Code of Conduct committee, Pub committee, Student Centre Management committee and all of their own SGA committees.

Even though the SGA exists in part so that we the general body of students need not concern ourselves too much with politics, there are two current issues which all students of Laurentian should be both aware of and demonstrate concern. These two issues involve why we are here, courses, and how we stay enrolled, money.

The Academic Planning Committee (AcaPlan) is a Senate committee responsible for educational planning recommendations for Laurentian University. The current issue concerns the motion before Senate which calls for Laurentian to become a two faculty school. The other issue of direct concern to you is the impending announcement at the April 18 meeting of the Board of Governors of a 10% tuition increase effective for the spring inter-session classes. On the good side of economic news, Laurentian will have an extra \$400 000 available for student aid on account of the Capital Campaign. All the money raised by Laurentian was matched by the Ontario government. Over 4 million dollars was raised through fundraising in the past year. Also due is the official announcement of all returning students who earn an 80% average or higher will be awarded with \$1000 and all those returning students who have over a 90% will receive \$2500.

Students like you and I are here to study and earn an education. The administration is here to oversee that education and make it easier for us all to obtain this valued necessity. However, things don't always run so smoothly, hence we have the formation of the SGA. This article should demonstrate that though the SGA appears to run silent, it is still in motion, acting successfully as our watchdog and protector for all influences that may disrupt the students of Laurentian obtaining a first class education. Mike Grube and his team in the SGA are there everyday in the corridors of our university, working constantly and diligently to make sure that we can do what we came here to do: study.

Student Conduct Reform Coming to LU

by Norman Shields
Staff Writer

Laurentian University students will likely see some form of Conduct Policy reform beginning next fall. To that end, the Department of Student Affairs has drafted a nineteen-page document entitled Charter of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Code of Conduct.

The document was generated by a Task Force created by Student Affairs who had been directed by Senate last June to revamp the existing Code of Conduct and to establish a Charter of Students Rights. The Task Force was composed of "individuals from various University constituencies", including SGA President Mike Grube.

In its "second draft", the proposed Charter and Code was recently exposed to two sparsely attended Open Forums. Suggestions arising from these, the only direct public consultation, were to be presented to the Task Force on Tuesday the 8th, and the final draft should be available by mid April. The Code is to be presented at the May Senate meeting for approval, though there is some doubt as to whether it is technically required. Director of Student Affairs, Denis Mayer, indicated that he hoped for approval at Senate in order to confirm the University's support.

Predictably, the Students Rights aspect of the document makes up only 5% of the total package, and there does not seem to be any provision for its direct enforcement. The Code of Conduct, on the other hand, is far reaching both figuratively and literally. It applies only to students and proposes punitive measures, including academic penalties when warranted, for otherwise non-academic "offences". The Code does not affect the University's current policy for

academic misconduct.

The spirit of the Code is to deal internally, when possible, with University-related student misconduct. Offences under the Code are divided into five categories including Misconduct Against Persons, Misconduct Involving Property, Unauthorized Access (etc.), Misconduct Against University Authority, and Other Proscribed and/or Illegal Conduct. The Code also stipulates that it may be applied "[r]egardless of the actions or inaction of any civil authority", such as the Courts.

The Code is also to be applicable off-campus where the alleged misconduct arises from both "official activities or unofficial activities" and which "adversely affects the University or any of its members." This aspect of the Code has raised the issue of how to define "student", and more importantly, when a student's activity is not University-related.

Under the proposed Code, any member of the Laurentian Community could launch a complaint through a "Complaints Officer", who will determine whether or not the complaint is within the jurisdiction of the Code. If it is, the "Respondent Student" will be required to appear before a "Judiciary Panel". The Panel, presumably, will rule as to the innocence or guilt of the respondent. If guilty, the Panel will impose an appropriate sanction ranging from an "Admonishment" (unofficial reprimand) to fines or community service. Academic sanctions ranging from a requirement to withdraw from a course to outright expulsion may be applied where the alleged offence is "so serious as to threaten the academic functioning and/or security of the University..." These penalties can be imposed by the Vice-President of Academic, upon referral from the Panel, or directly, with some restrictions, under "Emergency Ban" provisions.

A number of changes to the logistics of the Code were suggested

at the Open Forums, and seemed to be well received. The ultimate decision as to the content of the document to be presented to Senate rests with the Task Force. M. Mayer seemed enthusiastic about most of the changes.

As the Charter and Code stood at the time of the Open Forum, students would represent 1/3 of the Judiciary Panel. The constitution of the Panel, as expressed in the document, would be two administrators, one faculty, one staff, and only two students. However, Task Force representatives at the Open Forum, including M. Mayer, seemed receptive to the idea of a student majority on the Panel; a Panel composed of three students and two others drawn from administration, faculty and staff was the working formula.

The proposed Code also provides for an Appeals Committee which would review, when deemed necessary, the rulings of the Judiciary Panel. In the Code's current incarnation, Student representation on this committee also stands at 1/3, but the Task Force representatives seemed responsive to a student majority on this body as well.

Students form the majority in other on-campus bodies that deal with non-academic misconduct, such as those for the Pub Down Under and the SSR. The SSR's panel, for example, is all students and requires from them a unanimous decision.

The proposed Code stipulates that it should be reviewed after its first year of implementation. M. Mayer indicated that procedural difficulties could thus be worked out before the longer commitment of three years before a subsequent review.

LU's Capital Campaign (Internal) surpassed its goal of 3 million dollars last week. Dr. Paul, in response to the Tuition Freeze sit-in recently staged at his 11th Floor of-

fice, linked the success of the campaign to his plan to ensuring LU remains financially accessible. Dr. Paul estimated at that time, that \$3M donated to student bursaries through the Capital Campaign, would make available at least another \$200,000 for student assistance. There has

been no word yet on any new scholarships or bursaries, though Dr. Paul did announce at the Voyageur Awards Banquet last Friday that student assistance would benefit by \$400,000. The University is expected to announce the final tally of the Campaign on Friday April 11.

A 1996-1997 LU News Retrospective

by Norman Shields
Staff Writer

Things are not always what they seem. When Senate began its debates surrounding academic restructuring back in October, V.P. of Academic Mr. Tesson remarked that it would be a very interesting year at Senate. I thought, "Yeah, right."

Well, yeah he was right. At that October meeting, the GSA Senator announced that a petition was being circulated protesting Senate's apparent ambivalence towards students' opinion. Why was academic restructuring before Senate at precisely the time that students were busy with end-of-term work? Why were students not consulted? Do students have any rights?

M. Mayer told Senate that, in fact, happily, a Charter of Students Rights was being developed by his department through a Task Force of departmental representatives (see "Student Conduct Reform"). He wasn't telling most Senators anything they didn't already know: it was Senate, after all, that instructed him to develop such a document four months earlier. It was just how he said it. It even made my report on Senate (in Lambda) as "Encouraging" news. Of course, he didn't say that the "students rights" would make up only about 5% of the document that the Task Force would eventually produce, nor did he say that these rights would not be enforceable. But he probably didn't know that last October, right?

Did "interdisciplinarity", that big non-word of the nineties, really figure into the rationale for academic restructuring? Why was ACAPLAN so resistant to the three-faculty structure proposed by Professional Schools Senators in November? A dean costs in excess of \$100,000. A three-faculty structure sheds only one of these salaries, a two-faculty structure, obviously, sheds two. You can do the math, and ask Dean Keays of Science and Engineering if it was a useful savings.

OK, Dr. Paul and Senate cut two Deans, which could have ramifications to the perceived quality of the programs from which we graduate, in the name of interdisciplinarity and program integrity. Even though that's a little like trying to boil and freeze water at the same time, we get the point so we'll shut up. The library, whose staff have been the undeserving butt of a recent malaise amongst students, had its budget cut. Less hours of operation, less new books, less money spent on circulation workers, less training of first-time users, less library. Well, we don't really need the library, I guess.

They allow the Ombudsperson, sometimes a student's only voice in an impersonal institution, to be sacrificed to the mighty god "Fiscal Restraint". Well, we all have to do our part - a fact that Dr. Paul did not hesitate to reiterate when students occupied his office to plead with him not to raise tuition. Dr. Paul told the media "our grants are being cut and so we have to balance the picture." Can't complain about being part of a balanced picture. A 10% tuition increase represents, for LU, in the neighborhood of 1.2 million dollars. Will that do? No. The SGA Board of Directors recently redirected their student-centre loan money to LU's Capital Campaign. The SGA's contribution amounted to about a third of the money collected.

Well. Well, what can we do? We can try to inform ourselves. We can try to think critically when administration throws us the occasional scrap of information. To this end, Lambda is actively looking for a few good people who like controversy, who think the printed word is a force to be reckoned with, who have a few hours here and there to contribute, who like to write and who like to work for next-to-nothing. Not necessarily in that order. Call Lambda, 673-6548.

WHERE ARE WE ?

Here is an update on what is continuing at Laurentian and will continue throughout the summer. First of all tuition levels have still not been set for the next fiscal year. Laurentian's fiscal year begins on May, 1 and ends on April 30. This means that for anyone that is interested in spring inter-session classes if the decision is to raise tuition then that will come into effect for those spring classes. At this time we are not sure what direction the University will go but the provincial and federal governments have put institutions right across the country in very difficult positions.

As tuition fees are being dis-

cussed the Laurentian University capital campaign is drawing to a close it's internal portion. After this period then the organizers will be looking for external donations. The internal campaign has gone extremely well as it has surpassed its goals. The Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund that the Ontario government established has raised donations to student aid to over 9 million dollars. Any donation to the student aid was matched by the Ontario government. This will mean an additional \$400,000 a year will be available for student aid here at Laurentian. It is important that all students take advantage of this money.

This will be the last edition of Lambda for the current year and the SGA would like to that all students for the opportunity to serve you this year. For the graduating students we wish you all the best in the future. The new SGA Executive is excited and ready for the challenges of the next year. The Executive will be here through out the summer, so if any of you are around or would just like to call please feel free. We wish all of you good luck on your exams and we hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you next year.

Yours truly

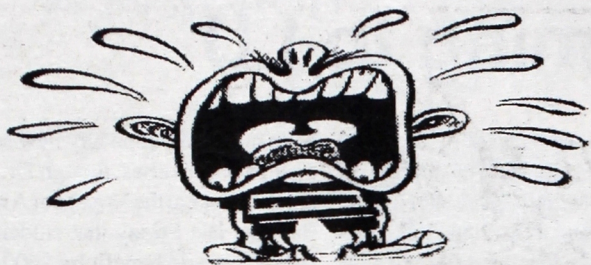
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Dear Editor,

I've finally decided to write in to clear up some of the lies printed in Lambda attacking my integrity.

To start, I would like to address the letters written by Layla Jazrawy, Diane Clarkson, and Leanne Tubman. First of all, there were only 10 people from Inter-Campus not 11 or 12, get your facts straight! Secondly, Travel Cuts did commit slander by saying that Inter-Campus was illegal and not reputable, we can go on for days arguing whether they said it or not, but they know they said it. Finally, they said that many people were promised rooms of 3 or 4. How is that possible when they all paid for rooms of 5 and 6? Can you explain that?

To Ms. Lise Laplante and her son, Sylvie Legault, and Michelle Jobin, I'm truly sorry that Inter-Campus did not honor your tickets. I was told that all tickets would be honored, and I imagine that the problem lies with staff in Daytona Beach; I've called ICP to check up on it, they said that all tickets should have been valid. If Travel Cuts would have told their trip participants what came with their package, this would have eliminated all possibility of lost money.

Ms. Jobin's contention was that we were "not to be on" her bus, and we caused it to be late. If Michelle had a clue she would know that the bus was being shared, and the reason for the lateness was that it was supposed to be parked at U.C. not Huntington.

I'm not sure why everyone thinks that I'm hiding or gone missing. Out of the 10 people I sold trips to, 8 have been to my apartment, all 10 know my phone number and E-mail address, and none have tried to contact me, the few that I have spoken to said that they had a great time! I never planned to go to Daytona, so getting off the bus in Toronto was not an escape route, that's where I live, I was going home for Reading Week!

My responsibility ended when I sold people trips to Daytona, I was not a tour guide or a baby sitter, I was a ICP rep. and I have done nothing wrong, and stolen from no one, yet these five ladies have already tried and convicted me. You should all learn the facts before calling names. What YOU have done is wrong and I expect an apology! If you would like to complain about ticket sales, here's the number and address,

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Sincerely,
Richard Arnold

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Letters to the Editor are considered opinion pieces and as such are not subject to regular fact-checking as are news articles. Peoples' opinions are their own and they are free to express them as they see fit (within our regular editing process). So, accusations on behalf of people involved with this debate of Spring Break trips of printing lies, in this case, are invalid.

An Open Letter To Dr. Ross Paul

I was looking out your window the other day. The view is amazing, you really can see a long way from the 11th floor. While I was looking down on the students walking by, way below, I tried to figure out your perspective on student activism against tuition increases. When you look out those windows, down on those students, what do you see? They look really small, don't they? In fact, every Monday, about 8:15 am or somewhere between 3:00 and 4:00 pm you can see me going up the hill to the University of Sudbury. You can't miss me. I live with a disability and I have to haul my books around in a shopping cart, so I'm quite visible in more ways than one.

Anyhow, there I was looking out your window. I even used your bathroom, trying to understand what you see and how you feel. The conclusion that I made was that we don't see the same thing. I see empty seats in class where single mothers used to sit. The seats are empty because they could not afford to come back this year, due to last years cuts in child care and increases in tuition. I see less students this year than last year, and even less next year. (I wonder if you lowered tuition? Wouldn't you attract more students? But of course you have considered that.) I also see a university system that is only going to be there for students that can afford it. I see students spending \$20,000 or more on education. Then quitting before they get their degree, because they can't get any more money. Take me for instance, I am struggling to keep my marks high to get some scholarships, because as a disabled person I cannot work through the summer to help pay my way through university. I am not a smart student; it does not come easy, and my debt is already at \$20,000. Do I justify one more year and come back for my last year? I'd be crazy if I didn't, wouldn't I. I say to my self, "get more OSAP and just get it over with." Yeah, that makes sense. And I will, (I hope) I

will get more OSAP and I'll be back pushing my cart next year. But I still wonder, what will I eat and with bus increases how will I get to school?

Going back to what you see when you look out the window. What do you see? Increased tuition? Maybe more bang for the buck? pay more... get more. If that is the case, why are students getting the run around in regards to their attempts to ensure the hiring of the best professor this university could ever possibility want. I am of course referring to Dr. Kinsman's contract position regarding the already established tenure position that is available in the sociology department. Remember, I sent you a letter about it already, about a month ago. Yes, I know that is Geoffrey Tesson's department. But after all, you are the president, everything here should be your business. And yes, I agree that there are other great professors here (the rest of the best are in Native Human Services) but Dr. Kinsman, well, he's in a class all his own. So here I am again, looking out your window and wondering how there can be justification for any kind of tuition increase when there is no commitment to quality education.

You can see Dr. Paul that I just don't get it. I saw you walk into your office, grab your lap top and your files, and you told us to have fun and then you left. I said to myself, "No, he doesn't get it either." There's one thing we do get through, we both have an understanding of power. You have power over us. And not just as President, but as a white man who has a job. We have no power. We are students - how can you be a social activist when you have a 30%- 25

page paper due Monday morning? Just call security, close off the support by the students for the students that are sticking it out, and then wait them out. Of course you'll win, you have all the cards, you don't have any papers due. You're just a little put out, very inconvenienced and can pass the buck off on to the Board of Governors.

The bottom line is that if you look out your window you can see things in a different light if you want. You can see like I see; and as I write this letter, like the students who are still there, see. This letter is quite informal, isn't it? But when you use the president's washroom, well... I guess that formal stuff goes right down that fancy toilet you have in there. It's almost as if we are friends now. So don't hesitate to say hello if you pass me in the halls, I'm very visible with my cart. Don't feel bad for not writing back, I certainly understand how busy you are as you look out that window. I do invite you to pop into my life and look at my view on the world anytime you'd like. you can even use my bathroom if you'd like, (I have fish all over the walls in mine).

I just thought you would like what I was thinking. And while you may have a nice view from your office, I think in regards to tuition, letting go of very competent professors and Geoffrey Tesson and the Board of Governors, it is just a little distorted.

Yours truly,

Mary Mahood-Greer.

PS: I hope that just because I used your bathroom I still qualify for scholarships next year.

**HAVE A NICE
SUMMER!!! SEE YOU
IN SEPTEMBER!!!**

To the Editor,

I have just two questions for the individuals that have written in their concerns and criticisms regarding the Celebration of Resistance - Sudbury Days of Action education picket at Laurentian University. One, what would you have suggested we do instead of the education picket in order to create a public awareness of the detrimental cuts our post-secondary education system is currently experiencing? And two, where were you during all of the advertised meetings and events (such as the student occupation of Dr. Ross Paul's office in order to freeze our tuition) leading up to the education picket?

Members of the Laurentian University Coalition for Social Justice set up information tables (one was held outside the Science Cafeteria, however, due to poor response, we granted our time to other

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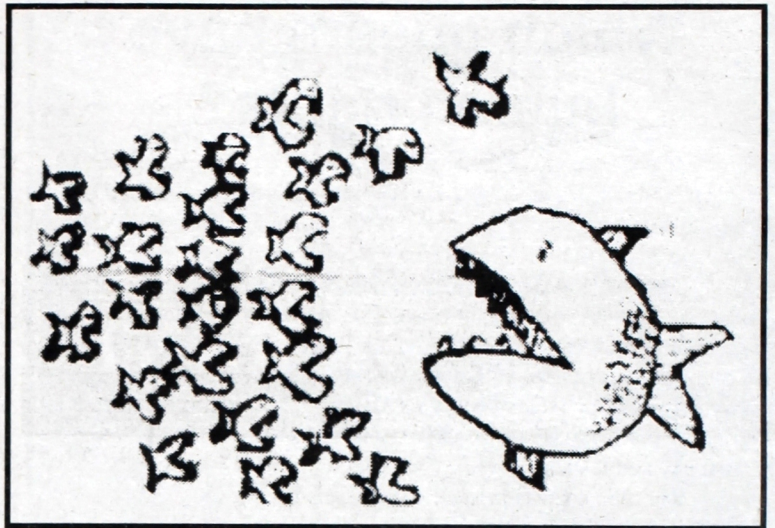
Since this is the final issue of the year and my last article for Lambda, I found it fitting to reveal exactly who Ray Marks really is. For those who haven't figured it out yet, Ray Marks is just a pen name I used kind of like Gord Gekko. The last couple of years, Tales from the Left, has been a column aimed at bringing

forward the opinions of the left-wing in Canadian and sometimes International politics.

The topics covered in this column have varied greatly in the past two years. Obviously, my favorite topics have been the Conservative agenda in Ontario and the federal Liberals with the dismantling of the social framework. I've even found myself discussing the politics south of the border and welcomed the differing opinions from some of my opponents in the past such as Gord Gekko and Micheal Darknight.

On that note, what if the future of the left? Many would like to believe that this ideology is dead and has no chance of making a comeback. The people who claim this are overconfident conservatives. It's true that the right has dominated world politics with the advancement of the global economy. But, the people don't like to see their social safety net falling apart and will demand that the left has some sort of voice.

This doesn't mean that a left-winged party will win the election this year but people are starting to



wake up to the fact that the Liberals and Conservatives are having their way with everything that we've worked towards in the past century. The NDP seems to be the only party that gives that option and I am not afraid to say that I am a card-carrying member.

The state of Canadian politics is terrible and will not improve anytime soon. The readers of this column are free to make up their own mind but we all need to take into account of all the opinions and theories out there. I hope you enjoyed reading this column and I'd like to thank all the readers for keeping it on

the pages of Lambda. We need to remember that we can make a difference and it doesn't matter if you subscribe to the right or the left.

The tales from the left in the next few years are going to be very important for our political and ideological movement and we need to keep our heads up high. Remember Tommy Douglas and his message for the Canadian people. If we were mice and elected white cats that kept eating us why would we want to elect black cats that did the same thing? Wouldn't it make more sense to elect other mice?

Thanks for your support and

Letter to the Editor,

I have just two questions for the individuals that have written in their concerns and criticisms regarding the Celebration of Resistance - Sudbury Days of Action education picket at Laurentian University. One, what would you have suggested we do instead of the education picket in order to create a public awareness of the detrimental cuts our post-secondary education system is currently experiencing? And two, where were you during all of the advertised meetings and events (such as the student occupation of Dr. Ross Paul's office in order to freeze our tuition) leading up to the education picket?

Members of the Laurentian University Coalition for Social Justice set up information tables (one was held outside of the Science Cafeteria, however due to poor response, we granted our time in other buildings) press conferences, weekly meetings, posters, leafleting, letters to all of the faculty departments, and so forth, in order to give students, faculty and administrative staff numerous opportunities to participate and organize their responses (against or in support) of John Snobelen's proposed education policies.

In my opinion, the education picket was a success. It allowed participants to advertise the events planned for the Sudbury Days of Action, give out information regarding the cuts to education, join forces with other community groups, and allowed people to metaphorically experience difficulties gaining entrance into the university; which is what numerous students will face when they cannot continue their education if a tuition increase is accepted by Laurentian University.

Therefore, the letters and comments that have been recently published in Lambda indicate two factors: First, you, that you did not participate or assist with the organizing of the occupation of the president's office, the Laurentian University education picket, the silent demonstration at the Senate Committee meeting, the sing-in at the banks, the human chain surrounding the Sudbury Sexual Assault Crisis Centre, the picketing at Diane Marleau's office, the feeder march at Bell Park, the Education Rally held at Civic Square, the "Resistance", and the rally held at the Sudbury Arena. And

second, that as a result of your misinformed comments to the student newspaper, you are definitely in need of further education; that is, if you can still afford it.

Again, I invite you to attend the following; the Senate Committee meeting on Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 2:00pm where two members of the Coalition will address the proposed

tuition increases - the voting for the tuition hike will be taking place at the Board of Governors meeting on April 18, 1997. I'm willing to place a bet against the number of letter writers to attend these meetings. . .

Sincerely,

Kirstin Parry

A member of the Laurentian University Coalition for Social Justice

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Which queers have human rights?

If you're a gay activist who gets imprisoned or killed because your government doesn't like your politics, and you want human rights groups to take up your case, it's best 1) not to live in a powerful Western nation and 2) not to hold an expansive view of sexual liberation.

That's a lesson from the International Tribunal on Human Rights Violations Against Sexual Minorities. This impressively titled event took place in New York on October 17th, and was sponsored by a private group, the San Francisco-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC). On the same day, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) issued a ground-breaking report on human rights abuses against gay and lesbian journalists around the world.

The two reports offered compelling testimony. A 20-year-old Romanian told of being arrested with his lover in 1993 for sodomy, suffering beatings and rape in jail. The two finally received suspended sentences at trial, but his lover committed suicide. The Committee to Protect Journalists detailed a wide range of abuses, such as a law in Nicaragua barring writings that "promote" homosexuality, a ban by the Zimbabwe government of a gay group's newsletter, and threats of arrest suffered by gay and gay-friendly journalists in Russia. The CPJ report told of a five-month sentence handed down in Athens, Greece, to Irene Petropolou in 1991 for indecent speech. She had requested in the personals section of *Amphi* that straight men not reply to the lesbian ads. Her prison sentence was overturned on appeal, and Petropolou never served any time.

The reports brought significant mainstream news coverage to problems not widely acknowledged. But in beaming a bright light on rights abuses of sexual minorities, these sponsoring groups also cast some shadows. Notably absent from the cases they presented were two well-documented and extreme instances of rights violations against gay activists in Western nations: the killing in 1990 of Rev. Joseph Douce in Paris, and the illegal pretrial detention for more than two years of an editor of *Babilonia*, Italy's national gay and lesbian magazine. The silence says much about the politics of human rights campaigning.

Police cover up?

Joseph Douce was a openly gay Baptist pastor in Paris, and one of the founders of the International Lesbian and Gay Association. Douce's Centre du Christ Libérateur was a ministry to sexual minorities. It organized support groups around homosexuality, sadomasochism, pedophilia, and transsexuality, and published a well-regarded series of books on these topics. For his activism, Douce became a target of investigation by the Renseignements Généraux (RG), a branch of the French national police that gathers intelligence on political subjects. The RG had a reputation for shady dealings. It was linked, for example, to the bombing of the Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior*, used to protest French nuclear testing. During the summer of 1990, Douce's center was subjected to break-ins and surveillance. According to his lover, on the evening of July 19, 1990, two men in plainclothes knocked on his door, said they were police, and showed a badge, and requested that the pastor come along with them for questioning. Except by his killers, Douce was never seen alive again. His decomposed body was found in October 1990 in a forest southwest of Paris. Oddly, the police did not release the corpse for a year and a half. It was needed, they claimed, for the criminal inquiry. Skeptics wondered whether the cops were trying to cover up evidence of torture. An investigation showed that the Paris police kept a thick file on Douce, and had conducted extensive illegal wiretaps. The French interior minister disbanded the RG partly as a result of the ensuing controversy. But the murder has never been solved.

Canadian witch hunts

To its credit, the Committee to Protect Journalists highlights rights violations in Western nations, including the US, Canada, and Austria. The author of the CPJ's report, lesbian writer Masha Gessen, makes a point of noting the unfair use of indecency statutes and laws supposedly aimed at punishing child exploitation to attack gay journalists. Her report cites the case of Joseph Couture, a correspondent for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Toronto gay paper *Xtra* as well as this magazine, who was threatened by police after he helped expose the fact that a supposed "child porn ring" in London, Ontario, was mostly a police-concocted fraud. Couture's reporting has shown that London police exploited the extraordinary breadth of a 1993 Canadian censorship law to create the illusion of a porn ring and to arrest more than 60 gay men.

But the CPJ report fails to note that this Canadian censorship law is so broad precisely because Parliament wanted to include journalistic and expository writing under its definition of "child pornography." Writing a text that a court construes as "advocating" illegal sex with minors is punishable by up to ten years in prison; possessing it, by five. An article that criticizes the child porn law could itself be "child porn." Yet the CPJ report gives the false impression that threats to gay and lesbian journalists in the West are relatively minor - right-wingers stealing bunches of free gay papers, harassing words from angry cops - and that no journalists really risk years in prison or worse for their ideas.

Despite the sometimes pompous jargon and appeal to lofty ideals, human rights campaigning is, as Clausewitz said of war, the pursuit of politics by other means. If a political killing or jailing doesn't look good in a press release, our gay and lesbian human rights watchdogs may help push it down the memory hole.

Stanley park

What a difference a few days make. On Monday, November 4th, AIDS Vancouver got permission from the Vancouver Park Board to finance and build an AIDS Memorial in Stanley Park. The day after the approval was given, the opposition was so overwhelming for the Park Board that by Friday, November 8th, they did an about-face. BCTV had people phone in during their newshour and 96% of the 13,700 people said "no" to the idea of the memorial. Park Board Commissioners said they had hundreds of phone calls, letters and faxes in those next few days - more than for any other issue. So what do you think is behind this opposition? Vancouver AIDS Memorial and Homophobia

Stanley Park has many statues and memorials to people who have died. This is nothing new. Opposition to changing Stanley Park in any way receives opposition. This is nothing new. And in fact it is understandable to question and oppose dramatic changes to Stanley Park and the impact on its wilderness in the heart of Vancouver. However, just a few weeks ago, when the Park Board Commissioners voted to pave 1.2 acres of Stanley Park, including removing trees to separate pedestrian and cyclist traffic, there was some opposition, but not much. So let's admit that the stigma of this disease is what is driving a good part of the opposition. On the phones, or at the meetings comments such as "will we have a monument to pedophiles" or



"why have a memorial to anal sex" were heard. For many people, this is exactly why there is a need for an AIDS memorial. There would not be this level of opposition to a memorial for victims of Breast Cancer or Alzheimer's.

To approve this project, AIDS Vancouver went through a number of hoops including working with Park Board staff to ensure the memorial would not have a negative impact on the trees, the environment or the Park as a whole. The proposal conformed to Vancouver's Public Art Policy and the site is in a well-travelled area close to the entrance of Stanley Park by English Bay and in close proximity to the West End - the area where most of B.C.'s AIDS victims resided (a copy of the plan and the location have been enclosed).

While there were some semantics and a bit of politicking at Friday's meeting to rescind the approval, the Park Board will now go through a public consultation process to decide if there will be a memorial and if so, where it should be. Get ready for fireworks. The likes of Focus on the Family and other fundamentalist groups will bring people out en masse. You may want to be part of that consultation process, but in the mean time, it is very important to let your views be known on this issue. The Park Board Commissioners only got to hear from those opposed and that is what spooked them into changing their minds last Friday night. (If you don't want the Memorial in Stanley Park, then tell them that you want it somewhere in one of the other parks)

WHAT DO CANADIANS THINK?

Poll Results on Same-Sex Benefits

73% of Quebecers support extending equal benefits to same-sex couples. 78% of women support extending benefits, compared with 66% of men. Over 80% of respondents aged 18 to 34 support extending benefits to same-sex couples; 45% of respondents aged 65 and over support extending benefits to same-sex couples. SOM/La Presse poll of 1,002 respondents, November 1993 -55% of Ontario residents agreed that

same-sex couples should have the same pension, survivor and employee benefits as heterosexual couples; 39% disagreed. Environics poll of 1,000 respondents, March/April 1994 -49% of Canadians favour according same-sex couples the same rights as opposite-sex couples; 44% are opposed. 64% of respondents aged 18 to 29 support extending same-sex benefits, compared with only 26% of respondents aged 65 and over. Gallup poll of 1,014 Canadians, April 1994

-54% of Canadians support legislation to permit same-sex couples to receive same-sex spousal benefits, compared with 41% opposed. -50% of Ontarians want the Government of Ontario to reintroduce legislation to accord same-sex relationships equal benefits as opposite-sex relationships; 47% did not want the legislation re-introduced. Environics poll of 1,001 respondents, July/August

EQUALITY ISN'T "SPECIAL" IT'S A RIGHT!

Immigration for Same-Sex Couples

In January of 1992, Christine Morrissey and Bridget Coll filed an application in Federal Court saying that Canada's immigration laws violated the Charter of Rights and Freedoms because only married heterosexual couples fell within the "family class" category. Because of this publicity, Bridget was granted Canadian residency, but as an independent applicant. Since that time the Lesbian & Gay Immigration Task Force (LEGIT) has been lobbying the federal government to eliminate discrimination against gays and lesbians, at the same time as giving assistance to couples who wish to make it through the immigration maze.

Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden and Norway are countries that recognize lesbian and gay relationships in their immigration laws. Canada is only a bit beyond the dark ages in this category. In June of 1994, Immigration Canada sent a telex "ORDO150" to program managers in embassies and consulates outside Canada explaining that they now have the discretion to allow a same-sex partner to immigrate to Canada based on humanitarian grounds. However, there are many problems: the process is secretive with no information available to persons wishing to apply; no reasons need to be given which gives no assurance of uniform decision making; the processing time is much longer than for heterosexual couples; just to name a few. It is time that Canada recognized same-sex couples for immigration purposes when they can establish a stable relationship based on emotional interdependency.



Poll Results on Sexual Orientation

Those who oppose equality for lesbians and gays often like to pretend that they represent "the majority of Canadians". In fact, opinion polls show that the overwhelming majority of Canadians are opposed to discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation.

As long ago as 1977, the majority of Canadians (52%) supported protecting lesbians and gays from discrimination. More recent polls show even higher levels of support. Support for lesbian and gay rights is consistently higher amongst younger Canadians than amongst those in upper age brackets. Young people have not had the same exposure to many of the out-dated and inaccurate stereotypes of lesbians and gays.

Earlier polls relating to inclusion of "sexual orientation" in the Canadian Human Rights Act:

-52% of Canadians supported legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Gallup, 1977

-70% of Canadians supported legis-

lation prohibiting sexual orientation discrimination. Bibby and Potenski, 1985

-70% of Canadians in a 1985 poll believed it should be illegal to discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation. 23% did not agree. 80% of those aged 18-29 agreed that sexual orientation discrimination should be illegal, compared with 70% of those aged 30-49 and 59% of those aged 50 and over. Gallup poll of 1,043 Canadians, September 1985

-81% of Canadians believe that gays and lesbians are subject to discrimination in the workplace. The percentage believing this was particularly high amongst those who personally know a gay or lesbian person, women and younger Canadians. Angus Reid/Southam-News poll of 1,504 Canadians, October 8, 1994

81% of Canadians would either speak out on support of a lesbian or gay co-worker facing discrimination or would be bothered by it. Only 12% would neither be bothered by nor speak out against such discrimination. Those least likely to speak out

include Reform Party supporters and people who claimed not to know anybody gay or lesbian. Angus Reid/Southam News poll of 1,504 Canadians, October 8, 1994

Fully 77% of Canadians say that, if they knew someone who was gay or lesbian, their relationship with that person would not be strained. 48% of Canadians report personally knowing someone who is gay or lesbian, including 12% knowing a gay or lesbian family member (19% in Qu_bec). Angus Reid/Southam News poll of 1,504 Canadians, October 8, 1994

-Almost 60% of Canadians recently affirmed that they support a specific amendment to add "sexual orientation" to the Canadian Human Rights Act. Only 36% opposed this amendment. Angus Reid/Southam News poll of 1,501 Canadians, April 27, 1995

As far as we know, there has never been a poll showing anything less than majority support for adding sexual orientation to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Famous Quotes

* OUT OF THE CLOSET *

"Just by being out you're doing your part. It's like recycling.

You're doing your part for the environment if you recycle; you're doing your part for the gay movement if you're out."

--Tennis champ Martina Navratilova to San Francisco Bay Times.

"This sweet little blond girl [from The Sonny & Cher Show] turned out to be a big dyke. There's something wonderful about that, because that's life."

--Chastity Bono to USA Today.

"For so long I was hoping it wasn't true [that you were a lesbian], and then when it was true, I just felt I had done something wrong. 'If I had been a better mother' -- all of the stupid things that people from Ohio are supposed to feel, not mothers who are Cher, who have lots of gay friends and all that shit. As far as I was concerned, I really wasn't supposed to feel that way, because it wasn't liberal of me at all. It wasn't really who I thought I was, but it didn't make any difference. Those were my feelings, and even though I am not very proud of them, that is what it was for me; that was my experience, and I cannot try to lessen it by pretending that it wasn't. Nor am I ashamed of it. I was surprised by it. The reason I am not ashamed by it is that I was in so much pain about it, and I don't really know why. But it was genuine, unbelievable pain."

--Cher in an Advocate interview with her lesbian daughter, journalist Chastity Bono.

"I'm an openly gay trailer-trash Mexican. How could they not love me?"

--Ice-skating national champion Rudy Galindo.

"To a large segment of our society, gay people are viewed as sexual outlaws. ... God forbid a straight person should acknowledge that there are pleasures associated with their anus.

That's a big, big door that people don't want to open."

--NewsRadio TV actor Phil Hartman to Los Angeles magazine.

"This is the best day of my life, really. I feel a tremendous burden lifted. It's a relief. I'm being totally honest about myself to friends and family. It feels wonderful."

--U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., announcing that he is gay in order to preempt being outed by The Advocate. He was targeted after he voted for the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act.

"The gay label doesn't really bother me, as long as it's just not something that is restrictive. I just don't think one should live one's life as a gay man. I don't think that sexuality necessarily implies a life style package that comes with it."

--The Pet Shop Boys' Neil Tennant to the Washington Blade.

"I was 18 or 19 when I helped [actor Montgomery Clift] realize that he was homosexual, and I barely knew what I was talking about. I was a virgin when I was married and not a world expert on sexuality. But I loved Monty with all my heart and just knew that he was unhappy. I knew that he was meant to be with a man and not a woman, and I discussed it with him. I introduced him to some really nice young guys."

--Elizabeth Taylor to The Advocate.

"I'm sort of a gay success story, a very inspirational one. What happened to me is exactly the opposite of what closeted people fear: They think they'll lose every-

thing if they come out. This did not happen to me at all. In fact, everything came back tenfold."

--Rocker Melissa Etheridge to The Advocate.

"I've always been openly gay. It would never occur to me to behave otherwise."

--Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus Ringmaster Eric Michael Gillet to Atlanta's Etcetera magazine.

* NOT OUT OF THE CLOSET *

"She's a lesbian, that's what I'm here to talk about!"

--Outing inventor and gay journalist Michelangelo Signorile shouting at U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., at a book signing in New York City. Mikulski and Mary Louise Oates co-authored a mystery entitled Capitol Offense.

"I feel profoundly disappointed and slightly used. My feeling was the narrator should be an openly gay person or a sympathetic straight person. Instead, I have to endure the cruel irony of a film called The Celluloid Closet narrated by a closeted person! ... She's been pulling this shit for years. She plays gay for large gay audiences and the rest of the time remains conspicuously silent. ... Everyone I know -- gay and straight -- knows Lily [Tomlin] is gay."

--Tales of the City author Armistead Maupin to the Village Voice. Maupin said he agreed to write the narration for the film (based on Vito Russo's classic book about homosexuality in the movies) with the understanding that Tomlin -- who fought to get the film made and narrates it -- would pub-

The influential work of Canadian human rights chief commissioner



On January 1, 1997 Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay got a new job as Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC). She has to deal with a federal government that still has a long way to go to end discrimination for Aboriginals, women, persons with disabilities and minorities. In addition, there are still many hurdles that face gay, lesbian and bisexual Canadians, such as equality issues of pensions, taxation, and immigration -- all areas the CHRC can try to correct and influence.

The Influential work of the Canadian Human Rights Chief Commissioner

Last year when Federal Justice Minister Allan Rock suggested that he knows better than Max Yalden, the priorities of his government, Mr. Rock wasn't aware just who he was talking to. For 9 years, Max Yalden, as Chief Commissioner of the CHRC, had been an incredible thorn in the side of the feds.

We all made a difference when we contacted government offices telling them to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to include sexual orientation. But Max Yalden gave the final blow that made an embarrassed Prime Minister stand up and take notice. Let's take a look at some events in 1996:

February 14

-MP & Secretary of State, Hedy Fry, in a press conference with the gay rights group EGALE said P.M. Chretien would act on his long overdue promise to amend the Act.

February 20

-Allan Rock announces that equality for gays and lesbians will have to wait because "...as a political matter it becomes more difficult". At a Liberal caucus meeting, Chretien said he would give backbench MPs a break after taking flak for the gun control legislation.

March 19

-With headlines such as "Gay Rights Urged", Max Yalden, in his final annual report slams the government for not amending the Act to protect gays, bisexuals & lesbians. After seeing 7 different Justice Ministers promise, but never deliver, the amendments, Yalden said "What kind of record is this for a Canadian government - or Canadian governments plural - that like to go around the world telling other countries how to run their affairs."

March 20

-P.M. Chretien says in the House of Commons "The prime minister made a promise and it will be kept....A bill will be presented before this House before the next election."

May 9

-The House of Commons votes to include "sexual orientation" as a protected ground of the Canadian Human Rights Act - although with a free vote.

Now you figure out what made this prime minister and his government, after years of stalling, quickly change his mind on such a "controversial" issue. Max Yalden's comments, with his influence helped push the issue over the top. That is why it is so vital to remind the new Chief Commissioner that gay, lesbian and bisexual issues are just as important as all the other human rights issues.

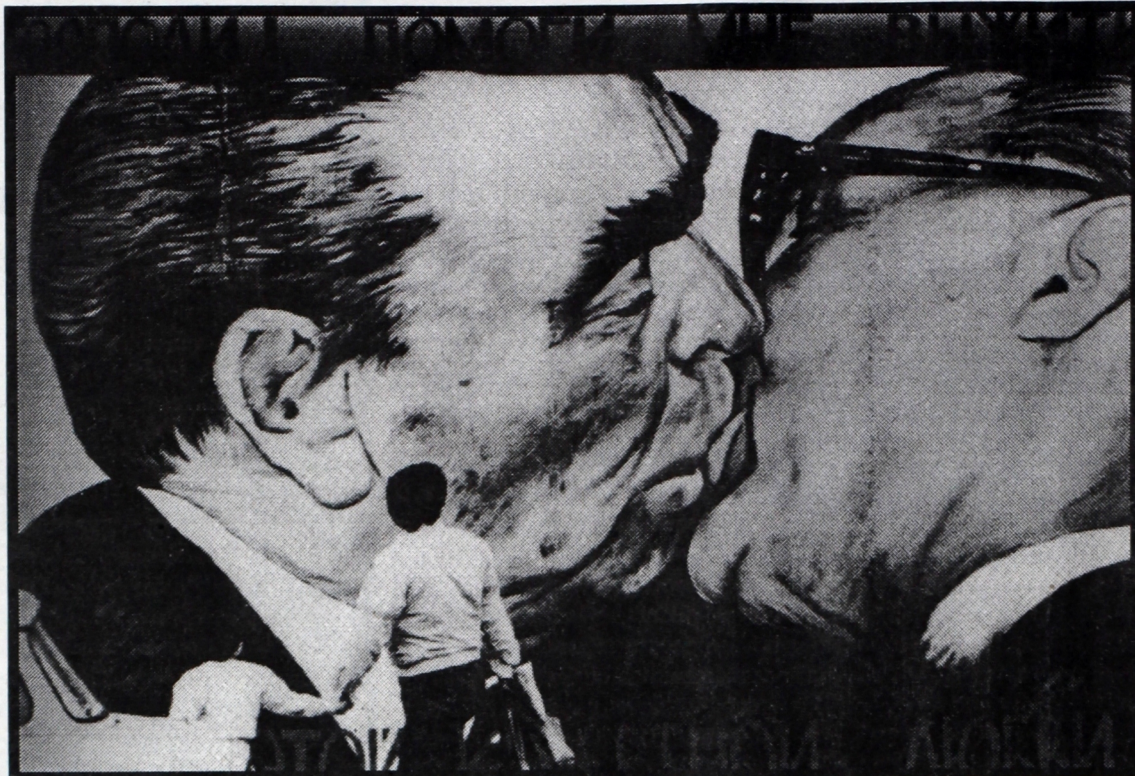
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A Queer Fear

by Rick Goulden

As the day for the June 30th Lesbian and Gay Pride Day Parade drew closer and closer, my anxiety soared. An almost paralysing fear gripped me - horrific visions of disaster flooded my mind. I wasn't alone. In my conversations with gay and lesbian friends, I learned that other fears also haunted the community. As it turned out, my fears were unnecessary and perhaps overly paranoid; the parade was a resounding success and the support we got from the straight community was both strengthening and incredibly touching. But the entire process caused me to reflect on fear and the power it has over us.

For some, the fear induced by the parade was about exposure and visibility. They didn't want their friends, colleagues, neighbours, clients or family to learn of their private life. They didn't want their children to be marginalized when it was discovered that a parent was gay or lesbian. For others, the fear was for the security they had managed to build for themselves in their jobs, their business, or their neighbourhoods. Yet others were afraid of the



rift that the political nature of such an event could cause between homosexuals and heterosexuals. Some were concerned that such activism might divide the gay and lesbian community itself. Others were angry at being put in the position of having to decide

whether or not to participate: their friends were pressuring them to join the parade but for quite good reasons, both political (this isn't how I want to sensitize the straight community to lesbigay issues) and personal (this isn't how I do things), they didn't want to be there. All of these fears were real and are not to be belittled.

My own fear, however, involved a myriad of possibilities for confrontation, from name-calling to physical violence. I hate confrontation. Even listening to people argue leaves me all quivery like the big sissy I am. What would I do if one of us in the parade lost our cool and went after someone in the crowd? How would I deal with it if some trog caught one of us in the head with a rock? What males might result? Reassurances from friends that the Regatta riots of yesteryear occurred at night among drunken crowds of yahoos did not ease the paranoia. What sort of provocation might hymn-singing evangelists cause as we attempted to cross through a barrier of their hands linked in prayer to save our souls so that we might spend eternity - shudder - in "Heaven" with them? I'd be hard-pressed not to say unpleasant things to that particular lot, but it certainly wouldn't sit well with the people of Kelowna if gays and lesbians set about thumping Bible-thumpers. But they'll all be in church praying for our salvation, I

was told. Fine, but what about more brutal homophobic attacks: a psychopath with a gun or a bomb and insistent voices in his head, a gang of Aryan fascists with clubs wading through the marchers? Extreme paranoia, perhaps, but I couldn't shake the terror. And while I was never pressured to participate in the parade, I knew I just couldn't avoid it. People I care about would be there; if anything happened to them, I would hate myself for not going through it with them. So I had to confront the demon and deal with it.

First, I decided that if I was going to be visible, if I was going to present myself to possible confrontation and violence, then I was going to be very visible and I wanted any violence against me to be noted and judged harshly by even the staunchest supporters of homophobia. How to accomplish this? Marion Bremner provided the inspiration, bless her. Her, Ted Gerk's and Joerg Wagner's dire warnings that orgiastic S&M displays and hedonistic floats featuring giant genitalia and priapic piercings would bounce jauntily down the streets of Kelowna led me to consider ways in which to mock their quaint and naive alarmism. I decided that a giant bunny outfit would serve several purposes. First, such a cute creature would warrant a G-rating from even the most uptight fundie judges who, in their blind simplicity,

would miss the fact that this was actually a pagan symbol of heterosexual promiscuity. In addition, I would be very visible and very acceptable to the majority of onlookers who, in spite of any feelings of hostility, would find it hard to resist my rangy cuteness as I skipped gaily alongside the marchers. What clinched it for me, though, was the vision of what would happen if violence were directed my way. I pictured myself as a giant bloodied bunny being carried off the crime scene by appalled (and hunky) ambulance attendants. I could imagine the photos accompanying the headline: Beatific Bunny Beaten Bloody by Homophobic Horde. There would be heart-rending letters to the newspapers by small children, pleading to know "is the big pink bunny okay?" A final vision of my lying in state in a pink bunny costume got me laughing aloud. I'd found a way to conquer my fear, and it worked - I had a great time at the parade.

My second way of dealing with fear resulted from my anger at being put through such emotions simply because some narrow-minded people don't like the way I love. As it turned out, lots of people got angry at the homophobic response that the news of the parade elicited. It was hard for us to sit quietly by and listen to the snide comments, to try to ignore the nasty letters to the editor, to pretend that the self-righteous were right, and to allow certain citizens to lay restrictions on us because of their preconceived notions of how we behave. It was infuriating to hear the same old bullshit spouting forth from the mouths of the ignorant and spitefully pious. And our straight friends and families felt the same way. The idea that they would be there beside us was so encouraging and reassuring that, with the help of a little pink fun fur, I knew I could confront my fear and cope with it. Because ultimately what the parade meant for me was that we're sick and tired of being afraid. And if we take a deep breath and stand up for ourselves today, then maybe one day we won't need to defend ourselves anymore. We can't let fear rule our lives and loves. If we do, then the homophobes have won.

The parade was elating. As my lover, Bill, said afterwards, "The demon of homophobia doesn't loom as large now as it did before." My demon of fear was also dwarfed. Maybe next year I won't need a pink bunny outfit. It was kinda fun, though...

Famous Quotes

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licly come out of the closet.

"Oh my God, oh my God, oh my God. ... I am not a lesbian! I wish they'd stop saying it. I have a daughter, for God's sake. What do they mean by this? They write this shit and one day I'm gonna have to talk to my daughter. ... Please, I'm so pissed off right now. Excuse me."

--Singer Whitney Houston to Entertainment Weekly.

"I don't know why anyone cares [if I'm gay], and I don't know if it matters or not. I just, uh, I don't -- it's, you know, the whole aspect of coming out. I mean, there is a whole -- people, you know, who are gay [who] have decided that it can be -- that whole thing about calling people out -- and you have to share that, because there needs to be an equality and a lack of prejudice, and you need to have a voice, so, I mean, it's important, but I'm not involved in those dynamics and I have no point of view on it."

--Actor Keanu Reeves to USA Today.

THE MARRIAGE FIGHT *

"You would think that those who are always talking about family values would want to create an environment of permanent relationships for people of the same sex. But they're not advocating family values. They're advocating their values. ... I still get this shit full-time. ... They just are haters, period."

--San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown to The Advocate.

"It's our Pearl Harbor."

--Traditional Values Coalition Chairman Lou Sheldon on the pending Hawaii Supreme Court case that is expected to legalize gay marriage there.

"I'm looking for a hunk myself. ... People that want to get married should do that [get married]. I don't see any reason why it has to be gender-specific. ... Whatever gender decides to hitch up should be their business."

--U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill.

"It's encouraging to see how far our fast-paced civil rights movement has traveled in four years. When candidate [Bill] Clinton was asked about gay marriage [in 1992], it was a throwaway question. His negative reply sounded no alarms. Gay marriage seemed a century away. What changed was our prospects, not Clinton's stance. He's just out of step with a future that's arriving more quickly than most of us had ever dreamed."

--Syndicated lesbian columnist Deb Price.

"If they don't want me to get 'married,' if that's bugging 'them' -- fine. But I do believe that as an American citizen, a law-abiding, taxpaying -- major taxpaying -- citizen, that I should be allowed the same rights, the same pursuit of happiness that every other citizen enjoys. ... Whatever they want to call it. As long as we have the same legal benefits and protections for me, and for my family. That's all."

--Lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge to Newsweek.

1997 should be an interesting year, at least politically speaking since we can expect a federal election this year. While the federal Liberals struggle over their promise of eliminating the GST and other "red book" unkept promises, gay, lesbian and bisexual people get to be pleased that sexual orientation was added to the Canadian Human Rights Act. However that important, although mostly symbolic, legislative change is only as good as the rights and benefits that follow. At the moment, from a federal perspective, we have to worry about: literature crossing the border; lesbian and gay partners getting landed immigrant status; same sex couples getting pension benefits at work; couples getting tax benefits that are automatically given to heterosexual couples; just to mention a few. The battle is far from over, especially with some of the MPs sitting in

the House of Commons. Prime Minister's veto on Party Nominations

One of the great things about being Prime Minister and the leader of your own political party is that you get to do most anything you want. For instance, Prime Minister Jean Chretien gets to decide who will represent his party in each of the ~300 ridings in the next election. Usually the members of each Liberal riding association decide who will be their candidate for the next election, but their party leader actually gets a veto by deciding if he will sign the candidate's nomination papers. If the leader won't sign, the candidate is out of luck and the riding association has to pick another candidate. In the case of the federal Liberals, Mr. Chretien

Veto

can even override the whole thing and merely appoint a candidate. Before the last election, Mr. Chretien appointed a handful of "stars" such as Art Eggleton, formerly the mayor of Toronto and presently President of the Treasury Board and other cabinet duties (this is the same "star" and former Mayor who wouldn't declare Toronto's Gay Pride day, but did declare Gumby & Pokey day - seriously).

We might not have much luck with Art Eggleton, but there are certainly some very undesirable MPs such as Roseanne Skoke and Tom Wappell who hardly fit the "liberal" label in their virulent fight against anything "gay". Let's give the Prime Minister a simple reminder early in the new year about our issues and remind him of the quality of candidates he needs to represent his party.

PUBLIC ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC GAY RIGHTS ISSUES

Angus Reid Group, Inc.
Public Release

This National Angus Reid/Southam News Poll was conducted by telephone between May 28th and June 2nd, 1996 among a representative cross-section of 1516 Canadian adults. The actual number of completed interviews in each region was as follows: B.C. - 200; Alberta - 150; Manitoba/Saskatchewan - 120; Ontario - 526; Quebec - 400; Atlantic - 120. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 1991 Census data. With a national sample of 1516, one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results are within +2.5 percentage points of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population.

PUBLIC ATTITUDES ON SOME SPECIFIC GAY RIGHTS ISSUES

The latest National Angus Reid/Southam News Poll, conducted among a representative cross-section of 1516 Canadian adults between May 28th and June 2nd, examined the public's attitudes regarding some

specific gay rights issues, including: same-sex spousal benefits, legal recognition of same-sex marriages, and gay and lesbian adoptions. On the first of these, the poll finds majority support, on the second a split in public opinion, and on the third majority opposition. These poll findings also point to a significant attitudinal difference between Quebecers' more liberal outlook and that found elsewhere in the country, and also to a profound generation gap on these gay rights issues.

SAME-SEX SPOUSAL BENEFITS

On the issue of same-sex spousal benefits, a majority (55%) of Canadians surveyed said they believe that "the partners of homosexual employees should be entitled to the same spousal benefits as an employer provides to the partners of heterosexual employees". Forty-one percent said such benefits should not be allowed. Support for same-sex spousal benefits appears to be far stronger in Quebec (70%) than elsewhere, especially the prairie region where the poll found majority opposition (55% opposed in Alberta, 54% in Manitoba/Saskatchewan). Support also declines with age. Surveyed Canadians aged 18-34 supported same-sex spousal benefits by nearly three to one (71% to 26%); of those aged 35-54, a somewhat more modest majority (56%) were in favour, versus 39 percent opposed. By contrast,

fully six in ten (63%) of those aged 55+ were against, outnumbering their supportive contemporaries (33%) by a margin of two to one.

The Angus Reid Group has examined the issue of spousal benefits before, but with a different questioning approach, and in the narrower context of the Ontario NDP government's attempt to pass legislation which would have extended gay rights on this and other fronts. In that instance, 54 percent of Canadians surveyed said they would support legislation extending same-sex spousal benefits - provided it excluded the separate provision that would have enabled same-sex couples the right to adopt children. Thus, while bearing in mind the very real differences between the 1994 and 1996 questions, the results (54% support in 1994 and 55% in 1996) suggest consistent levels of public support for same-sex spousal benefits.)

SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

These poll results show public opinion now divided on the issue of legal recognition of same-sex marriages, with 49 percent saying homosexual couples who wish to marry should qualify for legal recognition of the marriage, while 47 percent are opposed. In January of 1993, when the Mulroney Conservative government had proposed amendments to the CHRA, Angus Reid Polling found Canadians opposed to this recogni-

tion by a margin of 57 percent to 37 percent, although that question was prefaced with a notation that the proposals then being debated would limit the legal definition of marriage to opposite-sex couples.

Once again, regional support for the legal recognition of same-sex marriages ranges from a high of 58 percent in Quebec to a low of 38 percent in Alberta; Albertans (59%) were joined by other prairie residents (54%) and Ontarians (53%) in expressing majority opposition. And again, support wanes with age. By a two-to-one margin (67% versus 31%), respondents aged 18 to 34 favoured allowing legal recognition of homosexual marriages. Those aged 35 to 54 were split on the issue (49% in favour, 46% opposed), while older Canadians opposed the idea by a more than three-to-one margin (69% to 25%).

GAY AND LESBIAN ADOPTIONS

On the issue of gay and lesbian adoptions, survey respondents were asked, "What do you think about the general issue of homosexual couples - either male or female - who want to adopt kids that are not the biological children of either of the partners in the relationship? In your opinion, assuming they meet the standards and requirements, should homosexual couples be legally allowed to adopt children?" Fifty-two percent of Canadians said such adop-

tions should not be allowed, compared to 42 percent who said that they should. This question was last asked in May 1995 after an Ontario court decision granted four women the right to adopt their lesbian partners' children: the results were almost exactly the same (54% opposed, 43% in favour).

Again, Quebecers distinguish themselves - indeed, this was the only region registering majority support (55%). In all other major regions, most respondents were opposed (as many as 61% in Alberta). Also consistent with the other findings, most older Canadians (70%) voice opposition to gay and lesbian adoptions, as do a bare majority (51%) of those aged 35 to 54; majority support (54%) is found, however, among 18 to 34-year-old Canadians.

CANADIANS' VIEWS ON SPOUSAL BENEFITS FOR PARTNERS OF HOMOSEXUAL EMPLOYEES

One issue concerns 'spousal benefits', and whether or not the partners of homosexual employees should be entitled to the same spousal benefits as an employer provides to the partners of heterosexual employees. In your opinion, do you think gays and lesbians should or should not be entitled to spousal benefits?"

A Real love story

Claire & Kathleen: Four Years After Meeting On The Way To A K.D. Lang Concert, This Chicago Couple Shares Their Story

Kathleen Johnson and her partner, Claire, reflect on the four years since they met. We are grateful to them for sharing with us their personal story and for their boundless energy and enthusiasm in coordinating the efforts of LGIRTF's Chicago chapter. What follows is written in their own words.

Claire and Kathleen: Claire: I first came to Chicago from Wales for a three month visit in the fall of 1992 to visit my twin sister Lizzie, her husband and my college friend, Lisbeth. At this point in my life, I had scarcely even heard of K.D. Lang and a new "lesbian" experience sounded cool. I really had arrived. I was reading all the local lesbian and gay press and feeling pretty liberated and "in the right place." I met Kathleen when she came with her friend Chandelle to pick me up for the concert. Kathleen couldn't understand a word I was saying (my quiet, fast swallowed English words didn't project well enough) and Chandelle--who had lived in England for eight years--conveniently donned the role of translator. I next saw Kathleen when we went for coffee at Don's where Chandelle worked and when we went to see the performance artist, Marcia Wilkie. After I returned to Wales, we exchanged occasional postcards to each other and I kept Kathleen informed of my plans to

visit Chicago with my girlfriend, Dawn, in Easter 1994. Kathleen really made our visit fun and we saw a lot of each other. I developed a major crush on her. I was very sad to leave the U.S. this time, to leave the new friends we had made. Kathleen increased our correspondence this time and sometimes talked on the phone on spur-of-the-moment extravagance. We wrote often to each other about a relationship that was coming unglued for me and one unfolding for her. Then, suddenly in the space of two weeks, my best friend killed herself and Dawn and I broke up. Again, I was on the phone with Kathleen who seemed to understand and wanted to hear what I had to say.

Kathleen: As Claire's relationship with Dawn ended, I started to date someone I had met at Karate. Though it had begun as intense, supportive and fun, this relationship began deteriorating after a few months. My new girlfriend professed interest in children (I have a teenage daughter, Alicia), but she had no idea how demanding and trying full-time parenting was. Claire and I wrote back and forth about the horrors of relationships! We talked on the phone occasionally and Claire promised to come back to the U.S. to go the Michigan Womyn's Festival with a group of us.

Claire: I arrived on July 24, 1994 after working at a terrible job as a barmaid for four months in order to save up the money I needed for the trip.

Kathleen: The Saturday before Claire came, my daughter Alicia went to Arizona to visit my sister. I remember looking forward to being foot-

loose and fancy-free for two weeks. Claire and I arranged to get together to play some pool that Friday night.

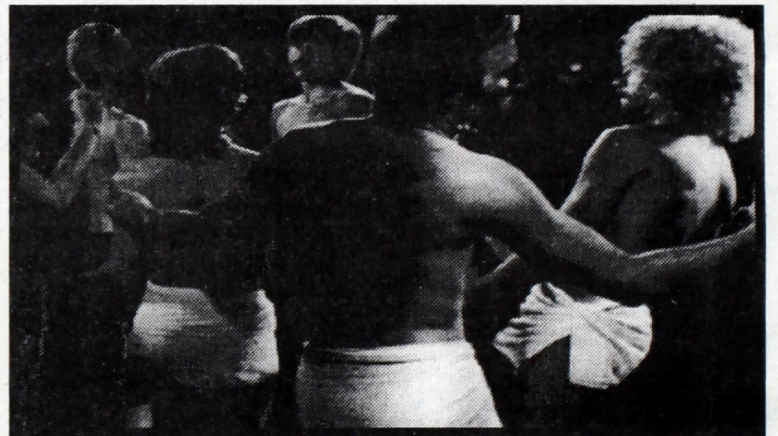
Claire: We had a great time shooting pool and laughing at the pool sharks with major attitude. I suggested to Kathleen that we "play" girlfriends for the night to fend off unwanted attention. At this moment, I had forgotten my crush of two years ago.

Kathleen: On Sunday, we went to dinner at the home of a German friend who wanted to meet Claire because they both spoke German. A male dinner guest--who had no clue we were lesbians--seemed mesmerized by Claire. That night it seemed the weather had conspired to bring Claire and I together. Chicago was suffering from an oppressive combination of heat and humidity. I asked Claire if she wanted to stay at my house, as I had air conditioning. She decided to spend the night.

Claire: I had such a good time with my gal pal that I didn't want to go home. With her daughter Alicia away, Kathleen was revelling in her freedom as a "single girl" status. I wanted to have a good time in friendly company in which I could relax and be myself.

Kathleen: The next morning I felt a bit as if I'd died and gone to heaven: I woke up to find this gorgeous woman sleeping next to me. We shared a good morning hug and kiss.

Claire: When we kissed I had no thought of where it would go, I just didn't want it to stop particularly. When I returned to my sister's house I thought it might just be one of those isolated little incidents that would be forgotten. Soon I was on the phone



with Kathleen, planning out the next few days before I went to Indiana so I could see her as much as possible. I invited myself over for the next two nights, never speaking about what I really thought was going on.

Kathleen: Our relationship continued on just like that--it was very romantic and scary for me. I knew she was leaving in four weeks.

Claire: It was all pretty exciting and very romantic. I had a fabulous time at the horse show in Indiana even though I missed Kathleen and looked forward to meeting up in Michigan.

Kathleen: Alicia returned from Arizona on Saturday and we packed up the car to go camping for the next week. A group of us met up on Sunday night on the way to the Festival and camped along Lake Michigan. I thought to myself, when Claire arrived would she have the same feelings about me?

Claire: The long journey from Indiana, south of Indianapolis to Michigan was full of anticipation. I was hugging myself the whole way, impatient to get there, but happy to be on the way, full of purpose and excitement. It was about three a.m. when I arrived at the beach, I spotted Kathleen's car at the house. I called

quietly to Kathleen, who answered. I really didn't know what to expect. I needn't have worried, she was so pleased to see me and I her that I got quite a welcome. After that, we stopped pretending to each other that there wasn't anything going on. I was sick and had a fever and Kathleen was sweet and took care of me. We went into the house, sat and smoked and held hands and told each other the news and funny stories of our few days apart, and disclosed how much we have missed each other. It was one of the most beautiful nights-turned-into-mornings of my life.

Kathleen: Claire and I spent the Festival week wandering around together. Claire and I managed to steal a couple of secret late night walks under the full moon.

Claire: We had only "been together" for ten days and we were saying it was love!

Kathleen: It was beautiful and safe out there. We went to a ceremony to call down the full moon one night. We went to concerts. We joked about the many variations on cole slaw that was served daily at lunch. We had blazing campfires, even though the woods were steamy.

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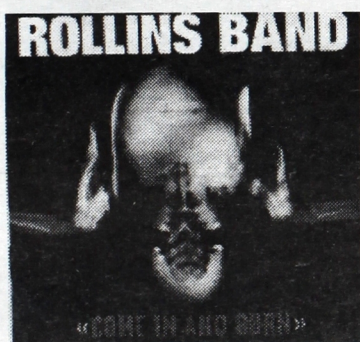
Aerosmith - Nine Lives

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

After the disappointment of the *Get A Grip* album, **Aerosmith** has now returned to the basics with an album reminiscent of the classic days. The last truly great album released by **Aerosmith** was *Permanent Vacation*, but I am talking classic days like *Toys In the Attic* and *Rocks*!

This album is pure rock! There is no trying to be like the modern bands of today, no filling the album with ballad after ballad. They are just doing what they do best...be **Aerosmith**! *Falling in Love* is being pumped all over the radio and TV and is the perfect kick off track for the album. There is only one slow tempo song (*Full Circle*) and the rest is just full of the guitar magic of **Perry**, **Hamilton**, and **Whitford**, the pounding drum beats of **Kramer**, and of course the distinctive cat like sounds of **Stephen Tyler**.

Like me, this is the album true fans of **Aerosmith** has been waiting for! We don't need any more of this slower is better crap, we want rock and **Aerosmith** is one of the only bands left who can actually give it to us. They've been around for 28 years now, and from the sounds of it, they aren't going anywhere, so just get *Nine Lives* and see what I mean!



Rollins Band - Come In And Burn

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

It's heart thumping, head pounding, louder than hell rock by one of the most abnormal individuals in music history. That's right, **Henry Rollins** and the **Rollins Band** have yet another disk out with one small difference. That would be that this is one of the first albums to be released on the **DreamWorks** record level. But with that aside, there is nothing different about **Rollins** brand of rock.

With 12 tracks of loud guitars, backed by **Rollins** own vocal

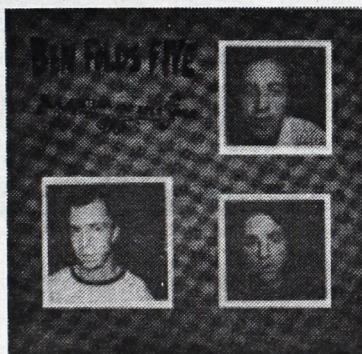
styling, this album is sure to please their legions of fans. Just listening to the music, you can picture that psycho **Rollins** singing, thrashing and doing what he does best on stage. A few songs are a little slower than the others, but they are not your normal slow songs. **Rollins Band** has their own style of doing things, and with the album *Come In And Burn*, they are doing it better than they ever have before.



Reef - Glow

By Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Reef sounds to me like a band with an identity crisis. The band is playing blues guitar rock (very well), but their lead singer sounds like he is trying to turn into a mix of **ACDC** and **Eddie Vedder**. As the songs start, they sound interesting until the words begin, then all you can think is "What the hell is this guy trying to do?" It's almost as if he is trying to over power the rest of the band and put all the emphasis on his singing. It's to bad because the music is great. This album just does not work! There is some talent there, they just need to teach the lead singer to sing.



Ben Folds Five - Whatever and Ever Amen

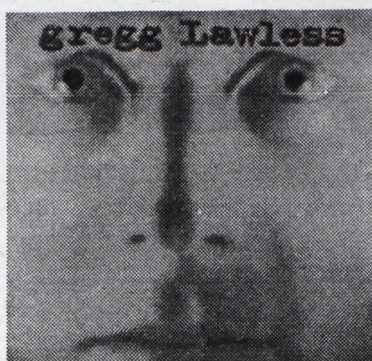
by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

The best way to explain the **Ben Folds Five** is to picture what would happen if **Schroeder** from the **Peanuts** cartoons grew up and started a band. Although the **Five** really consists of only three members, the album sounds like a much larger band.

The songs on the album are based around the strong tones of the piano, but still have that up-beat alternative sound. The best song on the album has to be *Song For The Dumped*. This song reflects perfectly what most guys think right after they have been dumped. Other songs include *Battle Of Who Could Care Less*, *Cigarette*, and *Stephens Last*

Night in Town.

This is a good album for those of you looking for a more up-tempo alternative sound. **Ben Folds Five**, *Whatever and Ever Amen*, check it out.



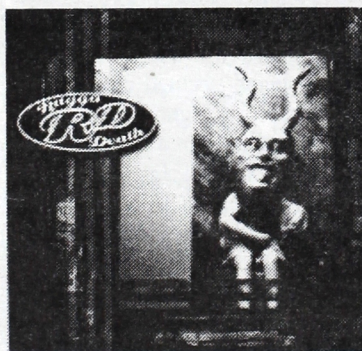
Gregg Lawless - Greggorian Chance

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

I don't even know where to start with this album. **Gregg Lawless** is from Aurora ON, and his CD *Greggorian Chance* is one of the coolest albums I have ever listened to! This CD contains 15 tracks ranging basically every style of music you can possibly imagine. This guy can do it all. He sounds like **Bob Seager**, **Weird Al**, **George Strait**, **Great Big Sea** and many, many others.

This album ranges from Irish blues, to the big band era, to 80's guitar rock, to everything you want to hear. **Gregg** flows perfectly from the serious with *The Shores of Grafton*, to the obscure in *Joe's Truck* (great song!!!) to down right emotional in *The Goodnight Song*. This guy is fucking fantastic.

I know its rare to see me rave about a CD, but this one deserves it. An album like this makes up for most all the other crap I have had to review this past year. **Gregg Lawless** is pure talent one hundred percent. Find this CD, buy it and see what I mean, this is truly worth any music listeners time.



RaggaDeath

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

This is some weird shit, man! **RaggaDeath** is a strange compilation grouping hard rock with a pounding bass beat and vocals ranging from rap to pure reggae. If you think that sounds strange, you should listen to the album. You won't know whether to dance along or run for the hills.

One track on the album is a strange re-make of *Electric Avenue* that you just have to hear to appreciate how truly hilarious it is! The scary



thing is that *Electric Avenue* is the highlight of the whole album. The rest of the album is devoted to messing with the listeners head by mixing styles that really never should have

merged. I know there are people out there who will like this album, but I am not one of them. **RaggaDeath** is only for a certain grouping of listeners, so be careful!

WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

Since this is the last issue of the school year, here is the run down for the rest of the month for Cinescreen movies. Remember, all movies are only \$6 (unless otherwise stated) and play nightly at 7pm at the City Centre Cinemas.

Friday, April 11th to Monday, April 14th - Shine

Go see Oscar Award Winner **Geoffrey Rush**'s performance as **David Helfgott**.. a very gifted piano player who made a surprise appearance at the Academy Awards a few weeks ago. This is a very moving drama about his troubled but ultimately triumphant life. This is a definite must see!

Tuesday, April 15th to Wednesday, April 16th - The Eighth Day

Winner of the Audience Choice Award at Cinefest 96. This movie follows the unlikely friendship between a businessman and a young man born with Down's Syndrome. The movie is French with English subtitles.

Thursday, April 17 to Sunday, April 20 - Waiting For Guffman

This movie is a hilarious comedy which is directed by and stars **Christopher Guest** (*This Is Spinal Tap*). The movie follows a group of residents who decide to put on a play for their town's 150th anniversary. The movie features many Second City and SCTV alumni.

Monday, April 21 to Wednesday, April 23 - Kolya

The winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, this movie is the story of a bachelor who's life is dramatically changed when he inherits the care of a six-year-old boy. This Czech drama is compelling and has a gentle humor to the plot. This movie is shown with English subtitles.

Thursday, April 24 - Sling Blade

That's right, one night only! Tickets are available in advance for this screening and are \$7.50 each. Don't miss **Billy Bob Thornton**'s portrayal of a slow witted southern man who is released from a mental institution after years of serving time for the murder of his mother. He befriends a young boy who is the only person to not fear or judge him on his past. The movie is kind of a dark **Forrest Gump**.

Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 26 - subUrbia

From the director of **Dazed and Confused** comes this hilarious look at the lives of a group of kids who converge at the lot of a local convenience store to hang out and just survive the 90's.

Don't forget, Saturday April 26th from 9am to 7pm is the Movie Marathon. See **Breakfast At Tiffany's**, **Citizen Kane**, **The Maltese Falcon**, **Sunset Boulevard** and **Casablanca**. All you have to do is get a pledge sheet from the Cinefest office and raise at least \$25.

Kraft Dinner Summer Recipes

Watermelon Surprise

Directions: Make KD according to directions on side of box then cool in refrigerator. Take one large watermelon and cut evenly into two halves. Scoop out about two thirds of the Watermelon, remove the seeds and cut what you have taken out into small pieces. Mix cool KD with the watermelon pieces and put into watermelon halves and serve. Once the mixture has been eaten, the rest of the watermelon can be scooped out and eaten also.

Ice Cream Galore

Ice cream stores are always looking for a new flavor to add to their huge selection of flavors. Why not Kraft Dinner? Sure it may sound kind of gross, but think of all the flavors that Ben & Jerry's always come out with. If they can make an ice cream flavor named after Jerry Garcia, then I think they could look into KD ice cream.

Picnic Salad

Directions: Make KD according to directions on side of box. Mix in diced celery, tomatoes, or anything else you would want in a pasta salad. To make salad creamier, add a spoonful of Mayonnaise then cool in refrigerator. This is a good snack for a picnic or just a quick meal after being outside all day.

Other Summer Ideas...

1. If you are returning to university next year, make sure you hoard boxes of KD early. Every time your parents buy KD, put a few boxes away for next year. You know you will need it! After a year at university, could you imagine surviving without it?
2. KD balloons! That's right, fill balloons with KD instead of water and have one of the cheesiest balloon fights you could ever have. This is also a good idea for rez next year!
3. If you go camping, always take KD. While everyone else is trying to make elaborate meals over the campfire, you will be able to whip off a quick and easy meal of KD. Add roasted Hot Dogs for extra flavor.
4. Packets of KD cheese Float! Always carry one with you to the beach so you can use it as a floatation device or strap two of them to a child's arms and never worry about them drowning.
5. When traveling to foreign countries, remember, KD is thought of as gold in other countries. You could trade a box for many souvenirs or just make a lot of money in the KD Black Market that has grown over the past ten years.
6. Left over KD put in tin foil with a cut of potato is a great barbecue surprise dish!
7. When having a summer party, fill a child's turtle pool with KD and watch the fun begin. This is also good for those nights alone with a significant other.
8. Do what you want. KD is a gift from the gods and can be used for so many countless things. Have a cheesy summer and see you in the fall with a new batch of Kraft Dinner recipes!

Congratulations...

Sudbury Poet Roger Nash, Wins National Book Award

Local poet Roger Nash is co-winner of the 1997 Jewish Book Awards Prize for Poetry for his latest collection of poems, *In the Kosher Chow Mein Restaurant*, published by Sudbury's new English language press, Your Scrivener.

The Jewish Book awards span eight different categories of work: books of poetry, fiction, children's literature, history, Yiddish writing, translations, Holocaust literature and biblical or rabbinic scholarship. Eight different prizes are offered annually, one in each category. Books must be by Canadian authors, be published in Canada and be on, or related closely, to



poems by Roger Nash
subjects of Jewish interest.
As the title of *In the Kosher*

Chow Mein Restaurant indicates, Nash's work demonstrates a fascination with the ethnic diversity he encounters in Canada and as he travels abroad. The title poem had previously won First Prize in the 1993-1994 Fiddlehead Poetry Contest. Another of the poems in the collection had been previously by the Jewish Outlook Society magazine, *Outlook*.

The awards are administered by the Jewish Book Awards Committee, Koffler Centre of the Arts, North York. The awards night is May 27th at the Leah Posluns Theatre, North York. Festivities begin at 8 p.m. Attendance is free.

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Anything Goes

A cast and crew of about 60 students of Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School's L.E.P.'s Theatre Company is well into rehearsals for its annual spring musical. This year it's Cole Porter's smash hit, *Anything Goes*.

The musical comedy is being directed by Don Herbertson, a teacher with more than 40 years of experience in the theatre. Music teacher Judy Byford is taking the cast through Cole Porter's magnificent music and students Zainab Abdurrahman, Patricia Cano and Elizabeth Sipos are choreographing the dance numbers. The orchestra is under the direction of teacher Marc Taillefer but Amy Salo, a graduating student, will conduct. This is the first time in the 10 year history of the L.E.P. Theatre Company that a student will conduct the show orchestra.

There will be four performances from Thursday, May 29th to Sunday, June 1st. Tickets are \$11 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students and can be reserved by calling the school at 522-2320.

Slowburn

Slowburn emerged out of the Vancouver band Catherine Wheel in late 1993 when it's members anticipated mistaken identity problems with a British band that had sprouted up with the same name.

Kicking around with various instruments for years, the group experimented until things just finally clicked. "Our common bond," Boyd says, "was we agreed on playing an aggressive kind of dirty rock and roll with melody and trying to stay away from clichés." Like minded bands would be the Pixies and Buffalo Tom.

After making a mark with their self-titled Handsome Boy debut with hit singles *Whatever* and *Hit the Ground*, *Slowburn* is back supporting their newest radio friendly hit, *Flesh and Bone*.

Slowburn will be in Sudbury on April 30th at the Towne House Tavern. Tickets are \$3.00 and the show starts at 8:00 pm.

The Fringe Is Baaack!

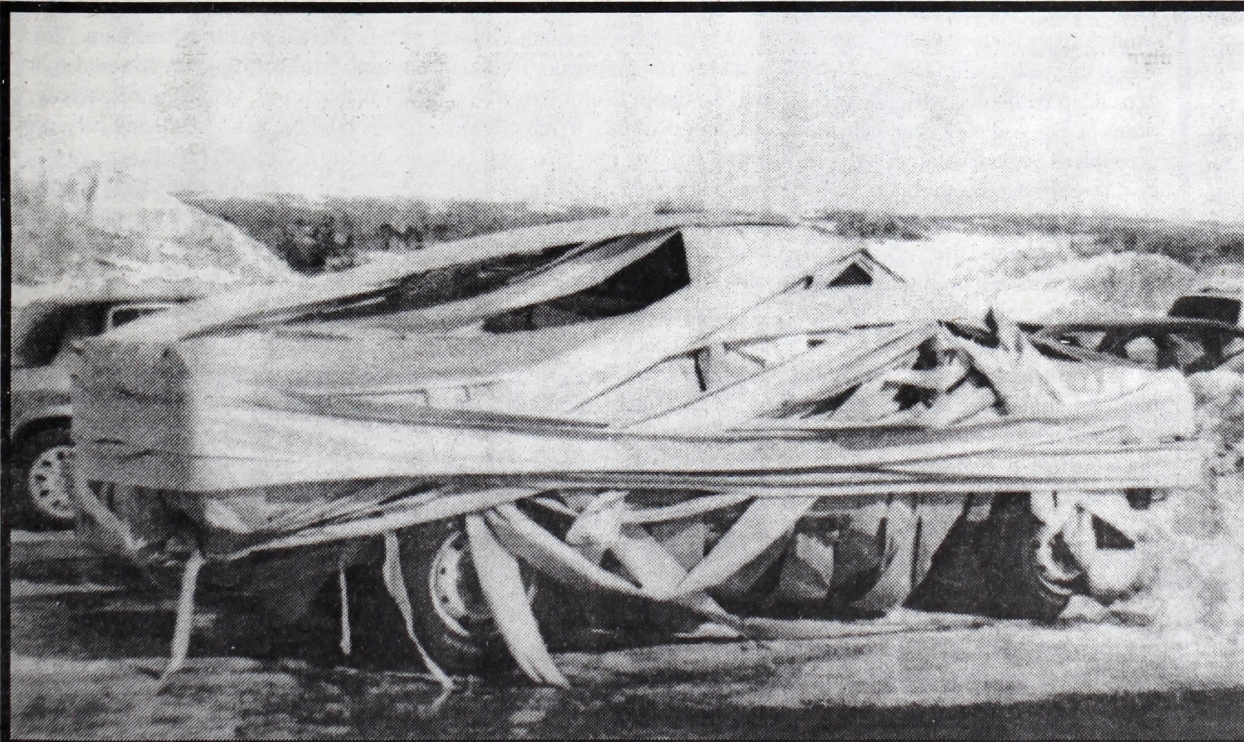
After a brief hibernation, we have returned and are busily planning our 5th Anniversary Fringe Festival—our nickel anniversary! Our festival dates are August 7th to 10th.

We have a brand new board of directors and they have been busy with our festival coordinator and fund-raiser planning a very special summer Fringe Festival for Northern Ontario.

Applications for theatre performers and buskers have been mailed out but you can still get one by calling Anne at 670-9985, or by coming into our new office located in the Cambrian Foundation—Suite M128. Anyone wishing to participate in this year's festival as a volunteer can also call Anne or drop by the office.

Inquiries about sponsorship opportunities and tax deductible donations are always welcome. A special event for the whole family is being planned for May. Stay tuned for details on an exciting upcoming contest.

We're baaack and we're ready to fringe!

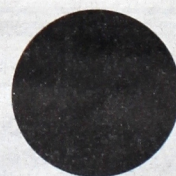


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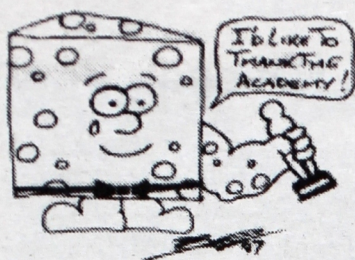
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Attack Of The Cheese Movie Awards



by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

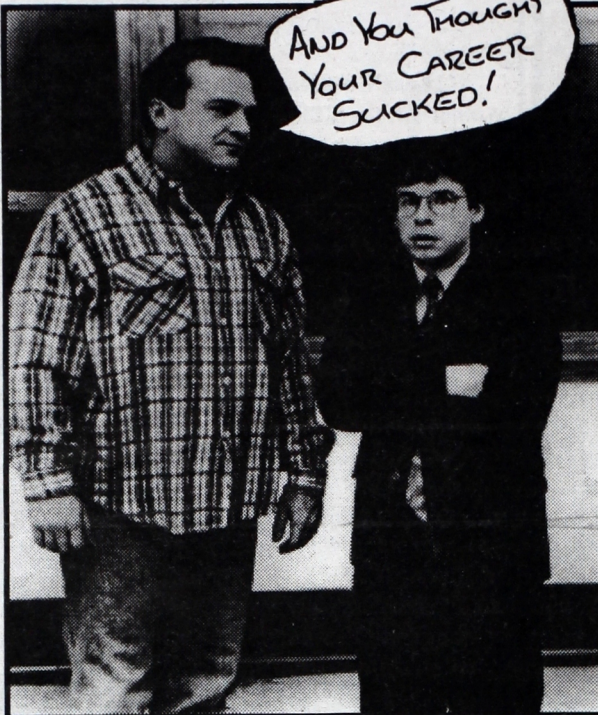
This is it. The last issue of the year, and Attack of the Cheese is going to be a special salute to the cheesiest movies of the year (Movies and Videos). It's kind of like the Oscars, but just a little cheesier. Everyone knows that the past year has not been the greatest year in cinematic history, and I had the privilege of seeing some of the worst big budget movies along with renting some of the cheesiest pieces of crap possible! So here we go with my version of the Oscars....The Slices!

Cheesiest Costume - This Slice goes to Billy Zane in *The Phantom*. What the hell was he thinking when he put on this outfit. He kind of looked like a mix between Barney and Robin all hyped up on steroids! Most stars think about their careers when they make movie decisions, but Billy must have been drinking the night they told him he had to wear this outfit!

Dumbest Movie Title - *Things To Do In Denver When You Are Dead*. Why such a long title? And what the hell does it have to do with the plot anyway? The movie is just a slow movie with actors (Andy Garcia, Christopher Lloyd, Christopher Walken) basically just showing up for a pay check and not really trying.

Why Are You Here? Award Jenny McCarthy. Sure she is amazing, but she has no acting talent what so ever! Showing up in *Things To Do In Denver...* and *The Stupids* she has proved that her brain was accidentally implanted in her chest. Here's an idea... stick to keeping your mouth shut, you're useless (well, almost)!

Biggest Rip Off Award. Sure, this is a critically acclaimed movie, but *Sling Blade* is the biggest Forrest Gump rip off that I have ever seen. "It comes from my heart" says Billy Bob. Bullshit, it came from watching Gump and Rain Man too many times. Maybe his next movie will be about a killer released into space on an Apollo mission, wouldn't that be



original!

Most Annoying Song *That Thing You Do!* There is no doubt about it, after watching this movie, the song will stick in your head for at least a month. It's not as if they don't play it enough. The song is played at least 30 times throughout the 90 minutes. Just get the mute button ready and maybe you'll be safe.

Too Long Award. No this is not an

award for pornstars. This award goes to *The English Patient*. Sure it's a good movie, but does it really need to be so long. Hell, I read the book in less time than it took for the credits to roll.

What The Fuck? This is a special award that goes to the one movie that only about one in fifty people understood. This of course being *Mission: Impossible*. Sure I know a lot of you are saying "I know what was going on", but if you say you could follow it all the way through, you are a liar. Sure, you could piece it together in the end, but I would just love to have seen your confused face when you

watched it the first time.

Cheesiest Character Name. This award is a four-way tie with all the awards going to the main characters of *Hard Core Logo*. There is no cheesier names as *Pipefitter*, *Billy Talent*, *Joe Oxenburger*, and of course, the immortal *Joe Dick!*

Cheesiest Movie of the Year. There were many to choose from this past year. Some of the runners up are *ID4*,

Eraser, *The Stupids*, and *Bevis and Butthead*, but there can only be one winner. And the award goes to *Escape From L.A.* Sure, all the other movies were just as cheesy, but this movie was made to look like a cheesy-B movie. It was put together perfectly and acted just like the cheese I like. And who could forget the cameo by Cheese King Bruce Campbell!

Lifetime A-Cheesement Award. There aren't many actors who can be classified as a lifetime a-cheeser, but there are those few who strive to bring some of the greatest slices of cheese to the big screen. This year's recipient is none other than *Tom Arnold*. In just the past year he has starred in *The Stupids*, *Big Bully*, and *Carpool* which puts him heads above the rest in the cheese category. Tom's life just oozes cheese from his beginnings with Rosanne, to his illustrious film career. All I can say is congratulations to Mr. Arnold and keep on pumping out as much cheese as you can!

This brings us to the end of The 1997 Slices and an end to the Attack of the Cheese for the year. Have fun at the movies and don't get fooled over the summer, most everything has a little bit of cheese in it.

The Time Has Come

by Tara D'Angelo
Entertainment Editor

I find it hard to believe this is my last article for Lambda. Over the past four years, I have found myself spending more and more time working on the paper and spending more and more time in the office and I can hardly believe it was only eight short months ago that I was frantically appealing for an assistant in the "Welcome Back" issue.

Well, my begging and pleading paid off. I found an assistant who was second to none and much more keen about the workings of Lambda than anyone I had met ever. I knew I was in for an interesting year when I asked him if he had seen any of the movies at Cinefest with the press pass and he responded, "Nine."

I have never met anyone who knew more about Star Wars or who could connect every person in the world (including himself) to Kevin Bacon. To this day, I am trying to stump him, but I haven't yet. (He even connected me...I met Martin Sheen in an elevator when I was eleven, Martin Sheen was in *Cadence* with Charlie Sheen who was in *Young Guns* with Kiefer Sutherland who was in *Flatliners* with Kevin Bacon.)

Well, Laurentian, you complained about his CD reviews and the fact that he crossed a picket line to see *Romeo and Juliet* and that he was boycotting East Side Mario's and that he knew far too much about Kraft Dinner, but next year, you are in for it. Mat Thompson will be next year's Entertainment Editor and he will do a damn fine job, I'm sure.

I have enjoyed my four years at Laurentian and at Lambda immensely. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the entire staff this year, including Dom, Ana, Lisa, Andie, Carine, Mat, Monique, Remi, Nat, Eric, D'Arcy and everyone who contributed to the Entertainment section. You have made my life a better one. I will miss you all.

by Jane Djivre
Contributor

My Two Cents' Worth

My List of Ten Cheap Things To Do

April is right on our heels, and with it comes a mixed bag of emotions, namely due to our beloved school's final exams. Yes, that's right. This is a time when you will see students rushing through the halls, not quite knowing where they're going, but getting there real fast. Bad hair days become the norm, as do those dark circles under the eyes from cramming essays and lab reports well into the early morning hours. So how do we release this unwelcome burden of anxiety and tension in a positive and legal manner? Especially when some of us are getting to the last pennies on the meal card, and can't wait to apply for next year's OSAP to cover this year's bills. Here is a list of ten cheap things that will inspire inklings of joy, and may even help save a couple of bucks in the coming weeks and throughout the summer.

10. Sell some of your year end text books through the book store buyback, through next year's SGA-AEF Book Buyback, or do it yourself. Instant cash.
9. Try out a bunch of the Kraft Dinner recipes that have been featured throughout the year in a noodle potluck buffet. It's cheaper if you buy big bags of the stuff. Cook with friends and split the cost.
8. Sell your photocopy cards back to the school for a quick buck.
7. Apply for scholarships and bursaries before you leave for the summer. The cash is out there for the taking, and it doesn't hurt to try. Apply, darnit, apply!
6. Volunteer some time at the Red Cross. Not only do you get to do a good deed that looks good on your resume, you also get free donuts and juice. Free food...now we're talking.

5. Learn how to use your bicycle again. It will save on gas money and give you some much needed exercise after a winter that seemed to last half the year.
4. Go to the park with a friend and ride on the swings like you did when you were six. It's fun, it's free, and it will make you feel years younger.
3. If low on cash, write down exactly where your money is going. Now ask yourself if you really needed to spend your money on those things. If you spend money on too many "extras", scrap a couple. It's better to have less extras right now if it means you will last till the month's end.
2. Don't fall for gimmicks. If you're a sucker for gimmicks like me you will no doubt find it hard to resist a free month of this, a free gift for that, a buy one get one free deal (where you don't even need one of whatever they're selling). If it's a matter of a sale or being low on the rent, skip the sale. Resist. The force, use the force!

1. My favorite pastime ever: Garage sales. There will be tons out there as soon as the snow melts, right until Labour Day weekend. You will just be flabbergasted at all the good stuff you can get, and I guarantee you will save pockets full of cash and have fun doing it. Here's a small sample of stuff I have bought over the years: clothes, a printer table, leather and suede jackets, a camera, stationary, books, telephones, purses, lamps, dishes, a T.V., sports equipment, furniture, binders, music, artwork, etc., etc.

When it to spending your hard-earned money, don't just go with the flow, make your own stream. Starting good habits now will avoid agony in the future. Using your creativity, it is possible to be frugal and still enjoy being a student. I challenge all to try a dose of creative financial planning this summer and see for yourself. And that's my two cents' worth.

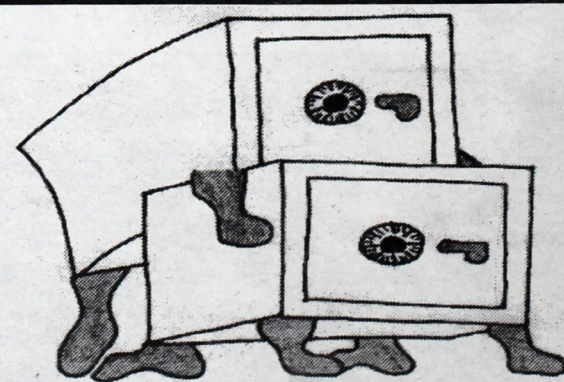


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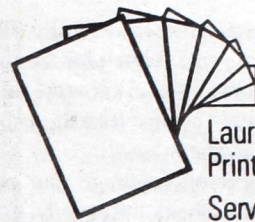
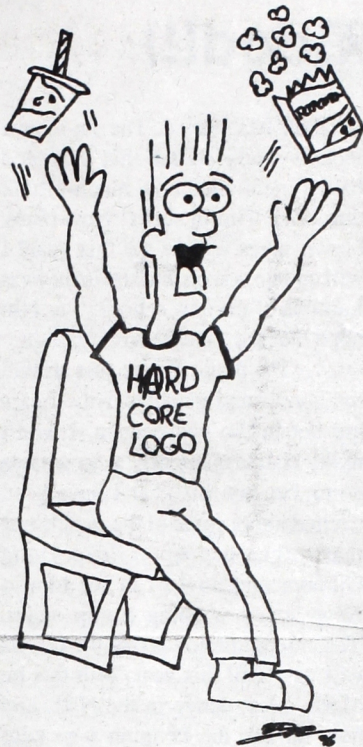
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Ode To The Chemical Jabberwocky

Unsuspecting layman, commoner, pilgrim,
hold fast to the expectation you have come to know.
The expectation that drips of sweat and sorrow,
of blood and marrow.
Wait. It is coming.

Work, oh pilgrim.
Toil, toil, till strength no more you have.
Then up again. Another day. Another chance.
And expectation is realized. It cometh.
Wait.

Again it sees no end in sight.
To toil seems life's only plight.
Searching with all one's might
For the reward that never comes without a fight.
And you will fight.

Prepare yourself, oh lowly pilgrim.
Gird yourself with all that's right.
Hold fast to the birth of expectation.
It cometh. Prepare. It cometh.

At once it is here, the beast long awaited.
That which you have dreaded and hated. And yet anticipated.
To conquer is to face, and face you must.
Head on, and strong, with courage and compassion.
With strength and fire.

From whence have you come, oh Jabberwocky.
You mild mannered beast who comes to destroy.
Try, oh chemical Jabberwocky, try.
But I will fight you with all my might.
Till I destroy your every fibre.
Till I conquer.

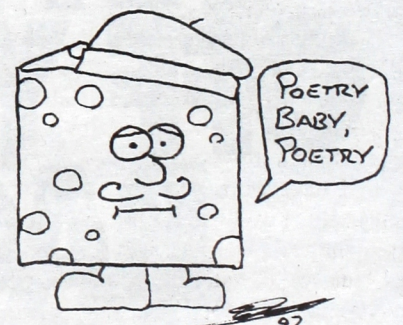
I will. I must.
Pass my Final Exam.

Jane Djivre

Warm Fuzzy Blanket

The clouds roll in with the quiet perfection of a spring day
The colors turn a velvety shade easy on your eyes
And you start to float above every thing.
You can't feel the ground,
Only the incomparable breeze that blows for only you.
As everything becomes so clear
Your body slides gently into the comfort of a blanket.
The blanket engulfs your body with no way out.
But why try? The Blanket is perfect.
The warmth of a summer day,
The perfect feel of the fuzzy blanket on your skin,
And the sheer feel of flawlessness as you surround yourself even more.
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God I love Demerol!

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Studying Bad, Sports Good!!!

by Honsing Leung and
Mike Leblanc
Columnists

Mike

Baseball is finally in full swing and I, for one, am ecstatic. First off, I suppose I should make a new pick for A.L. MVP since my choice was traded to the N.L. To replace Kenny "those Zoom Air commercials are great" Lofton, I have chosen Ken Griffey Jr. - no explanation needed. The only thing that upsets me with the new and improved version of Major League baseball is the lack of afternoon games during the week. Do they not realize that I rarely have afternoon classes and, with the Superstations at my disposal, I'm dying for some mid-day stick. I realize that some of you may find baseball a little slow and boring and, to tell you the truth, sometimes I can't remain completely interested myself. I have three words to remedy this, however - join a pool. I'm in one already, with more to follow, I'm sure. It makes the games so much more interesting. Anything that can make me cheer or curse at the t.v. more than usual is more than welcome in my watching of a game.

Canada once again displayed it's hockey dominance as our World's Women team beat the U.S. Sunday night to keep the gold in Canada. Hockey play-offs are just around the corner and it looks as though the only Canadian team that is a lock for the second season are the Oilers. The Senators, Canadians, Flames and Canucks are all on the bubble while the Leafs are steadily improving and will have a decent shot next year. This is only for effect anyway, since it is fairly obvious that any team in the way of the Flyers will be steam-

rolled on the way to Philly's first Cup in 22 years. Watch for the end of the season awards. I know the candidates haven't been released, but here are my picks:

Masterson (courage and perseverance) - Sheldon Kennedy, the choice is obvious

Frank Selke (best defensive forward) - Mario Lemieux, making up for the April Fool's edition

Lady Byng (most gentlemanly player) - Adam Oates, the FOX promos did it for me

Adams (best coach) - Ken Hitchcock, has the stars in the same class as Colorado

Calder (best rookie) - Brian Berard, solidified a young defense on the Isle Vezina (best goalie) - Martin Brodeur, has gone something like a week without a goal

Hart (best player) - Paul Kariya, the Ducks sucked without him and now they're fighting to host a first round play-off game

I have thoroughly enjoyed spreading propaganda about the Cow-boys, the Flyers, the Sonics (not so much) and, if I would've had the chance, the Mets (yes, those lovable Mets) and I would personally like to thank Lambda publications and Remi Gunn for giving me the use of this little soap box. Well, this year has been fun and writing for the paper was great. I wish everyone good luck on exams and one more thing. . .

SPAD and Sigma Delta Awesome rules!!!!

Honsing

Well, this is the last publication for the year of 1996-97. What a great year! The Packers win the Superbowl, Canadian Jrs. are 5 time champs, and Sigma Delta Awesome repeats as intramural volleyball champions. Way to go guys and gals! Thanks for all those memories!

It is so refreshing to see that

baseball has started. The Jays have looked shaky so far this year and have I mentioned how much I think that Mike Timlin sucks! How many blown saves will he get this year? I will update you on that stat in the next Lambda of the new school year. I do hope that the Jays do well, though.

The play-offs are just around the corner and usually, if the Leafs are not in the post-season, I won't really watch as intently as to what is going on, but this year I have been excited about some of the match-ups that might happen. I love Doug Gilmour and now I can see him in New Jersey winning a cup again. Yes, my prediction is that the Devils will win it all this year. Will this be Mario's last dance in the NHL and how far can the Penguin's go with Lemieux carrying the load? Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier will be winding down their careers in the next couple of years. It is always great to watch "the Great One" play. Wouldn't it be dandy to see Lemieux and Gretzky face each other in the play-offs?

In the Western Conference, I favour the Anaheim Ducks. Don't ask me why. I think it was those stupid movies that they came out with. The best match-up in the west will be when and if the Colorado Avalanche and the Detroit Red Wings meet up. WOW, will that be one of the most anticipated rivalries in a while. Now, I could predict all the trophy winners like Mike, but I don't want to show him up in the last issue of the year.

One last item. I would like to thank all the people who read our rambling this year. I, at least, will be back in full force next year not only as a columnist, but as SPAD vice-president. Good luck to everybody on their exams and have a great summer!!!

Intramural Year End Round Up!

by Catherine Koehler
Contributor

The intramural season has come to an end. This very successful year, however, could not have been accomplished without you! Thank-you to all who participated in the spirit of fairness, sportsmanship and FUN. We hope to see you all next year with the same enthusiasm. A special thank-you goes out to Dorothy Pitzel, Melinda Cowen and Val Hughes for their patience and time. Thank-you to all of the great sponsors who donated prizes for each event and, finally, thank-you to all of the convenors who ran each event to make this year possible.

Thanks again to participants, organizers, fans and sponsors. Have a safe summer.

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'B' Division 1'st - S.S.R.

Slamdunkers

Women's Hockey

Convenors - John Tompson and Josh

Dean

1'st - L.O.C.S.

Cross Country Skiing

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Catherine Cornacchia

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Merrill

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Men's 1'st - Pete's Team

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Virtue

1'st - Sigma Delta Awesome

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'B' Division 1'st - Raiders

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Dwayne Woodcock and John Lobardi

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Women's 1'st - Huntington Hawks

Women's Basketball

Convenors - Craig Genys and Amy

Marsh

1'st - U. of S. Stokers 'A'

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1'st - Andrew Jamieson and Catherine

Cornacchia

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Convenors Chantal Leroy and Lorrie

Chalmers

Men's 1'st - S.S.R. Dukes

Women's 1'st U. of S. Stokers 'A'

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Convenors - Terry Archer and Justin

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Men's 1'st - John Stevenson, Sean

Nelson, Brendan Clarke and Chris

Gould

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1'st - Playing with Thunder 'A'

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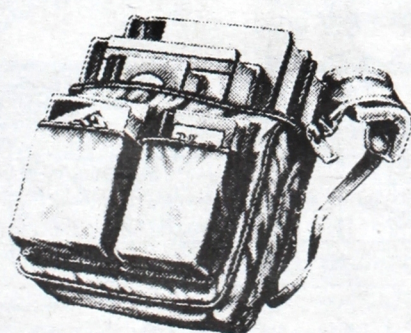
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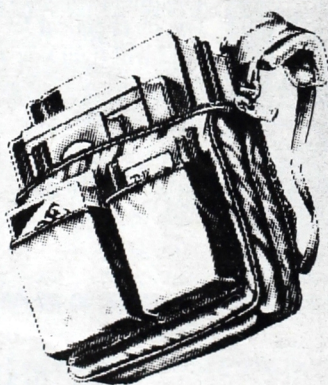
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Sports on the Net

by Remi Gunn
Staff Writer

[note - All of my research was done using my nickel account which means it was all text-based. For this reason, I can't comment on the pictures, video-clips or aesthetic appeal of each site.]

The Internet is the perfect medium for sports fans to satisfy their cravings for sports information. Everyone can access information, post opinions and track the progress of their favourite athlete or team from the comfort of their home. This article, therefore, is for all of the true sports fans out there who can't get enough of sports news, stats and information. In order to keep the article at a reasonable length, I'm only writing about official league web sites. There are, of course, thousands upon thousands of unofficial pages which range in quality from horrible to excellent, but I'll leave it to you, the reader, to find the ones you like.

SPORTS NEWS

Toronto Star

<http://www.thestar.com/> - Though not a true sports page, the Toronto Star Online has a number of features that make it one of the most useful sources of sports information out there. First of all, it is free. This means that you don't have to deal with those irritating paper boxes and the ever-increasing price of the print version. Also, to the best of my knowledge, it provides all of the articles that appear in the print version of the paper. That way, you get all of the sports columns and articles without having to pay for them. It also has a link to a scoreboard page where you can find the scores and results from almost every professional and college sporting event.

The Sports Network

<http://tsn.ca/> - After browsing through the Star, this is the place to go for Canadian sports fan. This site is, unfortunately, frames-based. That means that finding your way around the site with your nickel account will be difficult, but not impossible. So ignore the "You can't use it if you don't have netscape" warning. We technologically-impaired sports fans need TSN too, you know. (nickel-user hint: experiment with the "header", "tbar", "footer", and "stage" links and you will be able to navigate the page). The page has all sorts of features which I won't go into detail about because it would take too long. In short, has lots of information and it also has the weekly TSN listings so you can program your day around your favourite sporting events and programs.

SPORTS LEAGUES

NBA

<http://www.nba.com/> - This page features the season schedule, information on the playoff race, rookie spotlights (this month it's the Raptor's Marcus Camby), a chance to e-mail questions to a rookie (this month it's the Clipper's Lorenzen Wright) and information on all aspects of the NBA (rules, the NBA Executive, etc.). It also has information on all players, coaches and teams. There is also a link to the Women's NBA homepage (<http://www.nba.com/wnba/>). The women's page is much the same as the men's with a large amount of information about the league. Another nice feature of this site is that it includes information on the charity work that the NBA is involved in.

NHL

<http://www.nhl.com/> - This page, much like the NBA page, provides the user with data on all aspects of the game. Many of the features are frames-based, however, which, again, makes it a little tricky to move around. It can be done, however, and it is worth the inconvenience. This page features articles on different players and news items that pertain to the NHL, providing the user with some behind-the-scenes information on the league's present and future stars.

NFL

<http://www.nfl.com/> - I know, I know. The season was over months ago, but there are some people out there who can't get enough football news and information. This is the site for you, then, as the official NFL homepage has news on the upcoming entry draft, the complete 1997 schedule and news on trades, acquisitions and signings. It also has a link to the official NFL draft website (<http://nfldraft97-espnet.sportszone.com/>), with stats, a mock draft and other features.

CFL

<http://www.cfl.ca/> - The CFL has also made a foray into the world wide web with its own official website. This site has information, stats, rules and the 1997 schedule. It also features an archives page that has notes on the history of the league, its predecessors, Canadian football in general, the Hall of Fame, league records and awards.

Baseball

<http://www.majorleaguebaseball.com/> - Another predominately frames-based page, the Major League Baseball website is nothing if not exhaustive in its coverage of all aspects of professional baseball. There are links to minor league baseball, baseball history, Negro Leagues history (an informative look at an unpleasant aspect of baseball's segregated history), and the requisite coverage of this year's inter-league play. This page, like the others, has pictures and video-clips, but I wasn't able to see them.

Soccer

The soccer coverage, as you can well imagine, is exhaustive. With leagues and teams from around the world posting web sites, it is impossible to cover everything. Here is a short selection of the possible places to look:

In North America, there is the Major League Soccer homepage (<http://www.mlsnet.com/>).

For European soccer fans, there is the CarlingNet site (<http://www.fa-premier.com/>). It is the official website of the English premier soccer division.

In Asia, there is the J-League information site (Japanese professional soccer) at <http://www.dentsu.co.jp/J-LEAGUE/>. There are other sites in Asia, but most of the ones I checked were not in English (which can be a problem).

The Final Word

by Remi Gunn
Sports Editor

Well, the snow is starting to melt and exams are about to begin. People are getting ready to move home. The beginning of spring, as happy a time as it is, also marks the end of my term as Lambda's sports editor. It was a great year, however, and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to cover the world of Laurentian sports. Seeing as this is my last issue as sports editor, there are a number of people that I would like to thank for their assistance and support.

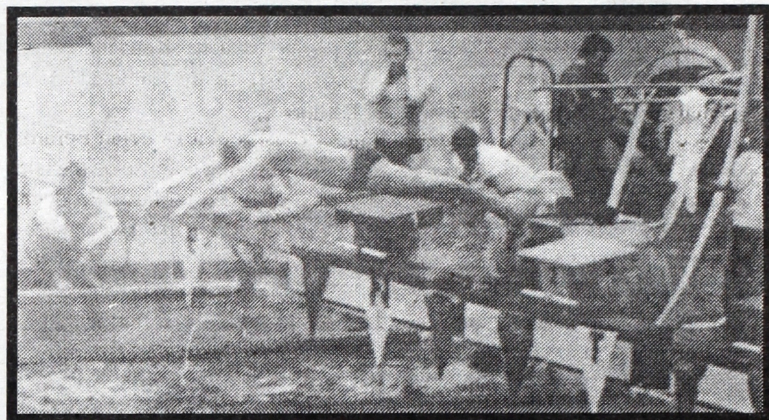
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L.U. Strikes Gold in Etobicoke

by The Laurentian University
Karate Club
Contributors

On Saturday April 5th, the Etobicoke Olympium hosted the sixth and final Karate Ontario Grand Prix tournament for the 1996-97 season. The Laurentian University Karate Club participated in full force and made its presence felt in many divisions.

Kelly Gannon won Fourth Place and Honourable Mention in the Women's Novice (White, Yellow, Orange Belt) Kata (forms) Division. She then made her way to the semi-finals in the Kumite (sparring) Division where she faced teammate

Margaret Park who had a similar record. They fought tooth and nail in spite of mashed fingers and busted blisters in what proved to be one of the most exciting matches of the competition. Kelly and Margaret won Fourth and Third Place respectively.

In a large Intermediate (Green, Blue, Brown Belt) Division, Charles Fink delivered a Gold Medal performance to win First Place in Kata.

This tournament concludes the Competitive Karate season for 1996-97. Laurentian's Provincial Rankings will be announced by Karate Ontario in the next few weeks.

For information about The Laurentian University Karate Club please visit our Web Site at http://www3.sympatico.ca/cfink/lu_karate/

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